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Above: With Typhoon Dianmu headed for Okinawa, shoppers at the Camp Foster commissary stand in long lines Friday to buy items to ride out the storm. Right: In anticipation of high winds and rain, Airmen 1st Class Anthony Dentice, of Kadena Air Base, picks up a large piece of cardboard Friday. Servicemembers collected such objects that could become projectiles during the storm. Winds on Okinawa are not expected to exceed a sustained force of 57 mph with gusts to 86 mph.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Immigrant truck deaths: A Houston judge wants to hold the lead prosecutor in contempt of court in the cases against alleged members of a human-smuggling ring authorities say are responsible for the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants after she says he violated a gag order.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore ordered Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez to appear in court Friday to show why he shouldn't be held in contempt.

Impeachment trial: Gov. John G. Rowland's attorney stormed out of the Connecticut governor's impeachment hearings in Hartford, a day before the state Supreme Court hears landmark arguments over whether Rowland must testify before the legislative impeachment panel.

The high court was to hear arguments Friday, and justices indicated they may rule from the bench the same day.

Gay-marriage charges: The deputy mayor and a trustee of New York City, N.Y., presided over the marriages of four same-sex couples, emboldened by the dismissal of criminal charges against the mayor for performing gay and lesbian weddings.

Deputy Mayor Rebecca Rotler and Trustee Julia Walsh officiated at the ceremonies Thursday night, a week after Mayor Jason Weitz was cleared of 19 misdemeanor counts of solemnizing marriages without a license.

Gay-marriage suit: Eight same-sex couples from outside Massachusetts said Thursday they would file suit Friday to challenge the 1913 law that has blocked nonresident gays and lesbians from marrying in Massachusetts, the first state to legalize same-sex marriage.

Missing climbers: Rangers in a helicopter spotted the body of a climber at the bottom of a deep basin on Mount Rainier in Ashford, Wash. A second climber was missing and two others asked for help, a park ranger said. Rangers were unable to reach the body but planned to fly to the site Friday to check again and search for the missing man, he said.

Abortion ruling: The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a fetus is a person as long as it is "viable" — capable of surviving outside the womb — and its wrongful killing can be prosecuted as a homicide.

The court discarded its long-held rule that a fetus was not a person — and its death



Peterson trial: Relatives of accused double murderer Scott Peterson from left: brother Joe, father Leo, sister-in-law Janey, and mother Jackie walk into court in Redwood City, Calif., on Thursday. Prosecutors tried to establish a monetary motive in the murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, on Thursday through testimony about jewelry she inherited.

not a homicide — until a live birth occurred.

1st AD murder case: A 1st Armored Division officer charged with murder in the shooting death of an Iraqi civilian will have a military court hearing, officials said Thursday.

Central Command, which manages U.S. forces in Iraq, issued a written statement confirming news reports a day earlier on the case against the officer: The statement, which said the charge was filed Saturday, also said the time and place of the court hearing had not been determined.

Business

Enron porn allegation: Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., says that a Web site operated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission contains links to pornographic e-mails written by Enron Corp. employees.

A FERC spokesman denied the Web site contained pornography, but acknowledged that some e-mails from Enron employees may contain pornographic language.

War on terrorism

Security funding: The House rejected an effort by New York-area lawmakers early Friday to redirect security dollars to urban areas considered most at risk of terror attacks.

Following a debate that continued past midnight, the House voted 237-171 to defeat an amendment by Rep. John Sweeney, R-N.Y., that would have shifted money from

a nationwide security program to one that focuses on cities considered the likeliest terrorist targets.

Pakistan al-Qaida hunt: Pakistani forces killed a renegade tribal leader allied with suspected al-Qaida militants in an overnight helicopter assault on a mud-brick fortress near the Afghan border, the army spokesman said Friday.

Nek Mohammed, a former Taliban fighter who led fierce resistance to the army's effort to flush out foreign militants from the rugged tribal belt, died with six others late Thursday at the home of another tribal chief.

South Korea in Iraq: South Korea will send 3,000 soldiers to assist Iraq beginning in early August to northern the U.S.-led coalition, the Defense Ministry said Friday. Once the deployment is complete, South Korea will be the largest coalition partner after the United States and Britain.

Japan aid mission: Japan's Cabinet on Friday approved a plan for Japanese troops now in Iraq on a humanitarian mission to stay and join a U.N.-authorized multinational force after an interim Iraqi government takes control at the end of this month.

The Cabinet's decision would let more than 500 Japanese soldiers continue their reconstruction work in southern Iraq.

World

Philippines election: Five weeks after the presidential election, lawmakers say they have nearly completed the official vote count, with incumbent Gloria Macapagal Arroyo holding a narrow lead and her administration warning the opposition against "adventurist plots."

By Friday, the congressional committee had tallied 132 of 176 regional polling summaries — called certificates of canvass — showing Arroyo with 6,565,122 votes to Poe's 6,498,763.

Madrid bombings: The judge investigating the March terror attacks in Madrid on Friday released three Spaniards accused of helping supply the dynamite used in the bombings, court officials said.

Judge Juan del Olmo released Sergio Alvarez, 23, the last detainee to appear for questioning in the bombings. He also released Antonio Toro and his sister, Carmen, who is the wife of Jose Emilio Suarez Trashorras, an ex-miner connected with the stolen explosives.

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Okinawa bases ready for Typhoon Dianmu

TCCOR 1 status likely Saturday

By DAVID ALLEN
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Even as base residents flocked to the commissaries to stock up on extra water and scurried to secure anything high winds could turn into missiles, Typhoon Dianmu began to weaken as it approached Okinawa late Friday.

Dianmu, which means "Mother of Lightning" in Chinese, was about 600 miles southeast of Okinawa on Friday evening, with 172 mph winds at the center, gusting to 196 mph. The Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Hawaii reported it was moving to the northwest at 7 mph.

U.S. military bases ratcheted into Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 3 Thursday night and anticipated going into TCCOR 2 at 3 a.m. Saturday and TCCOR 1 at 3 p.m.

Bases are expected to be locked into TCCOR 1 Caution at 9 p.m. Saturday, said Senior Airman Lyndsey Gibson, a forecaster with Kadena's 18th Weather Flight. At the time, all outside activity on the bases will be prohibited.

"The typhoon is weakening a bit as it moves north," Gibson said. "The closest point of approach the eye will make to Kadena will be about 85 nautical miles (98 miles) to the east at 2 p.m. Sunday."

Sustained winds over Okinawa are predicted to reach 57 mph and linger from 3 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. The strongest gusts are expected to whip up to 86 mph at noon Sunday, according to the Weather Flight.

"We should also get a substantial amount of rain, although we can't predict how much yet," Gibson said Friday night.

Base residents were taking no chances that the storm could get very closer to the island and gain strength.



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Airman 1st Class Gerald Gleason, right, and Senior Airman Jeremy Camacho of the Kadena Air Base fire department take apart a trampoline Friday at Kadena Air Base in preparation for Typhoon Dianmu, expected to bring high winds and rain to Okinawa by noon Sunday.

"This is my third typhoon on Okinawa and I'm grabbing items like batteries, videos, water and a few snacks," LaShonda Hendley said as she shopped at the Camp Foster Commissary on Friday afternoon.

Nearby, Penny Fontana was pushing a cart filled with water, bread, fruits and drinks. "This sounds like a large storm," she said. "I'm not buying too much junk food, mostly healthy food items."

A few aisles down, Marine Gunnery Sgt. Mark Buonagurio loaded up on groceries.

"I'm just picking up items I know we'll need, like water and baby formula," he said.

On Kadena Air Base, a crew from the base fire department dismantled trampolines and

assisted families of deployed servicemembers in securing outdoor furniture and other items as the storm approached.

Once the storm passes Okinawa on Sunday, it's expected to further weaken as it heads north toward landfall on the island of Kyushu at 3 p.m. Monday. Winds at the storm's center then are expected to be 100 mph with gusts as high as 125 mph.

The eye is expected to come within 80 miles of Sasebo by 10 p.m. Monday and within 30 miles of Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station by 3 a.m. Tuesday, according to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

Mark Rankin contributed to this report.

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In preparation for the arrival of Super Typhoon Dianmu, Penny Fontana of Camp Lester buys a case of water and groceries for her family of five at the Camp Foster commissary on Okinawa.

USS Chancellorsville gets 'E' for efficiency

By MEGAN MOUCH
Stars and Stripes

A golden "E" painted on the bridge of a U.S. Navy ship represents one thing: winning the Battle Efficiency "E" award for five consecutive years.

The crew of the USS Chancellorsville, a forward-deployed cruiser at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, earned the honor of painting a golden "E" on the bridge, a visible sign of this significant milestone.

The sailors and officers of the ship officially received the honor in April for reaching the goal last year.

Captain Jonathan E. Will, commanding officer of the Chancellorsville, said it is unusual to receive a gold "E" and has seen only one other ship with it in his career.

Ships paint a white "E" on their

bridge when they have four or fewer Battle "E"s.

Commissioned in 1989, the Chancellorsville now has a clear symbol of the "sustained performance and excellence over the course of the past five years," Will said.

Sailors and officers also receive a symbol for the achievement — a ribbon on their uniforms. Those who were on the ship last year receive the Navy "E" ribbon.

For every Battle "E" award, another "E" is added to their ribbon until they reach four.

When a servicemember reaches four, the "E"s are replaced with a single "E" surrounded by a wreath.

Such is the case for two sailors and Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph King and Petty Officer 1st Class Charles

Cooper, both operations specialists, have been on the Chancellorsville since 1998.

Will said he is proud to have these two men serve on his ship as they set an example to junior sailors to do better and "press on," the ship's motto.

For Petty Officer 3rd Class Erik Ballantyne, a damage controlman, winning the Battle "E" means the Chancellorsville is "rated higher than all the other ships of its class in all inspections."

"The ship has won the Battle 'E' award five years running because it stays up on its equipment, operations, maintenance, safety and supply," Ballantyne said.

Each year, a ship is inspected and given a command excellence award in areas such as maritime warfare, safety and supply.

"A ship doesn't necessarily have to win all the command excellence awards to win the Battle 'E' but it is difficult nonetheless," Will said.

Reinstating the reason for "winning the Battle 'E' for the fifth successive year comes from over-excellence across the board from all sailors," Will said, adding "that teamwork, experience and job quality" gives the Chancellorsville its golden "E."

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Hose it down



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Team Leader, Airman Anthony Aiello, left, and nozzlemaster, Airman Gilbert Ortega from Strike Fighter Squadron One Nine Two, get wet during the firefighting training at Naval Air Facility Atsugi. Naval Air Technical Training Center trainers are conducting refueling training at Atsugi for 860 sailors from various squadrons from Carrier Air Wing Five.

Correction

A story in Saturday's edition about Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester being nominated for assignment as Pacific Air Forces commander incorrectly identified his current command. Hester heads the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Clarification

A photo of Ronald Reagan saluting on the June 7 cover was mistakenly flipped.

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

DOD: SBP reform on shaky ground

Defense officials, in a late-hour attempt to persuade senators not to join the House voting to raise military survivor benefits, said the case for doing so has been built on a series of "mistaken assertions."

They also cautioned senators about the cost of enhancing the Survivor Benefit Plan — \$5 billion in defense spending over 10 years and a \$20 billion increase in unfunded liabilities for the military retirement fund.

They warned that the "open season" planned for nonmilitary retirees, if benefits are improved, could cause resentment among current SBP participants because the late enrollment penalty would be modest, no more than an extra 4.5 percent added to the current 6.5 percent premium.

Lee Lange, a survivor benefit expert with Military Officers Association of America, said he disagreed with many of the arguments being made to the Senate Armed Services Committee as a footnote noted.

MOAA, the Fleet Reserve Association and other service groups who advocate phasing out of the sharp drop in SBP payments that occurs at age 62 had pressed for support from Congress arguing three major points:

■ SBP participants from the 1970s to early 1980s were not properly briefed on the age-62 reduction when they enrolled. Benefits fell from 55 percent of covered retired pay down to as low as 35 percent.

■ All participants are now saddled with a larger share of SBP costs than Congress intended when the program began in 1972.

■ Military SBP is inequitable compared to federal civilian survivor benefits, which don't decline in old age.

Defense officials challenged each of these claims in papers provided to the armed services committee in recent weeks. Dr. David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readi-

ness, reinforced the department arguments in a letter to committee leaders, sources said.

The DOD effort is aimed at blocking an amendment to the 2005 defense authorization bill (S.2400) from Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., that would phase out the age-62 offset by April 2008. The House, in its defense bill, already has approved a nearly identical amendment.

"The underpinnings of that [Landrieu] amendment," said Defense officials in a point paper, "rest on a number of mistaken assertions."

Taking aim at the claim that SBP enrollees were not briefed on the benefit drop at 62, Defense officials compiled an inch-thick copy of brochures, handouts and other informational materials dating back to 1972.

"The original DOD Pamphlet used to inform members of this program ... clearly laid out the potential impact of the age 62 reduction due to Social Security," officials said.

But Lange said service associations have heard from hundreds of retirees and survivors who say they weren't briefed on the offset.

"Either they have all forgotten ... or there may be some truth to that," said Lange. "I don't think all of these people are making that up."

By the mid-1980s, DOD and the services "did get their act together. Everybody now knows this [offset] is going to happen," said. "But for some early enrollees ... they did not get accurate information on this reduction."

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Lt. J.g. Jim Tomaszek, left, of Strike Fighter Squadron 195 shows the inside of an F/A-18H Hornet cockpit to an amazed Michael Fulkerson of Troop 35 from Yokosuka, Japan. The Boy Scouts were visiting Naval Air Station Atsugi, Japan, during their Week of Summer Camp to receive their Aviation Merit Badge.

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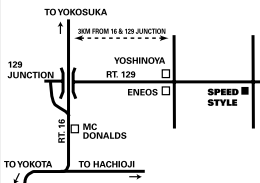
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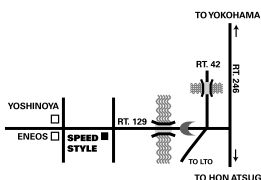
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Baghdad attacks kill GI, injure 3

Week violent for insurgents in Sunni areas

BY TAREK EL-TABLAUWY
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents launched two deadly attacks Friday in Baghdad, killing an American soldier and wounding a civilian contractor in a mortar barrage on a U.S. base, and injuring three U.S. troops in a coordinated ambush in another part of the capital.

The attacks were among several in Sunni Muslim areas of Iraq after a series of deadly car bombings last week that have unnerved an Iraqi public before the transfer of sovereignty at the end of this month.

Municipal officials said at least 13 Iraqis have died in two days of clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents in the town of Buhruz, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Three Iraqi civilians died in the Baghdad ambush, which began when a roadside bomb exploded in the Kamalaya district in the east of the city, the U.S. command said. Insurgents opened fire from the rooftops. U.S. troops returned fire and the insurgents "sustained moderate casualties," the statement said.

Several hours later, six mortar shells exploded at a 1st Cavalry Division camp in southern Baghdad, killing an American soldier and slightly injuring a contractor working for KBR, the military said.

Elsewhere, American soldiers clashed with insurgents Friday for a second straight day in Bu-



Abdul Razak Abdullah's mother cries outside a Baghdad hospital as she realizes he's not in serious condition. The 32-year-old man was injured in a car bomb blast in Baghdad on Thursday.

hruz. Insurgents also attacked U.S. troops Friday at a police station in the Sunni Triangle city of Samarra, firing rocket-propelled grenades and rifles after warning shopkeepers to close, witnesses said. U.S. troops returned fire, wounding two attackers, residents said by telephone. There was no report on U.S. casualties.

In the south, British soldiers traded small fires overnight with Shiite fighters loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in Amarah, witnesses said. There were no British casualties, but two insurgents were killed.

A coalition spokesman said the smaller of two oil pipelines blasted by insurgents last week had nearly been repaired, although engineers were still examining the larger one.

Spokesman Dominic d'Angelo said tests could begin on the smaller pipeline Saturday.

Exports from Iraq's other field near Kirkuk were halted last month due to sabotage on the pipeline to the Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, Turkey.

The attacks against the pipeline were part of a stepped-up campaign of violence in the run-up to the June 30 transfer of sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government. The attacks appear aimed at undermining public confidence as the date approaches.

The coalition's deputy opera-

tions chief told Associated Press Radio that Iraqis themselves must provide information on the insurgents if the Americans and their Iraqi and international partners are to halt the violence.

"The sooner we get every person in this country understanding their responsibility to provide us intelligence on those people in their neighborhoods who they believe to be participating in these attacks," the sooner they will stop, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said Friday. "We need to get that intelligence from them so we can prevent these attacks before they happen."

He said U.S. forces were "working hard to try to develop the intelligence to find these people" responsible for the violence "so we can nip these attacks in the bud."

Municipal officials put the death toll in two days of fighting in Buhruz at 13. Officials and townspeople said clashes began before dawn Thursday when the Americans entered the town looking for insurgents, who opened fire on the soldiers.

Residents said about 20 Iraqis were wounded in the Friday clashes, and that many townspeople had fled their homes to escape the fighting.

In an afternoon clash, insurgents wearing red scarves blasted a U.S. patrol with machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades as the Americans tried to enter the market district.

Harms seen in time of hidden detainees

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Defense Department's action of hiding a detainee in Iraq has jeopardized the lives of U.S. service members, especially those who might be taken prisoner of war, a military law expert said.

"This involves the golden rule of reciprocity," said Eugene Fidell, involved in military law for 35 years.

Analysis

"How would we like it if our people fell into the wrong hands ... and were kept incommunicado and off the books?"

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld admitted Thursday that he approved a request by CIA Director George Tenet to secretly provide a highly suspected terrorist in a U.S. prison in Iraq.

"I found the secretary's disclosure shocking," Fidell said.

But the terrorists already aren't playing by the rules, said Daniel Goure, vice president at the Lexington Institute think tank.

"They're slaughtering civilians, blowing up their own. I'm not sure why we have this fantasy that we stick by the rules, so they'll," he said. "They already don't adhere to the rules. I'm not worried about our servicemen in the hands of ... terrorists. That risk is already extraordinarily high."

However, holding prisoners in secret is inconsistent both with the Geneva Conventions and with repeated statements by Rumsfeld and other Pentagon officials, who have maintained that all prisoners in Iraq will be afforded Geneva Conventions status, Goure said.

"There is reason to be concerned that this type of action might erode the sanctity of the Geneva Conventions and, therefore, in future conflicts, one could argue it could increase risk to troops," Goure said.

The U.S. military should have promptly registered the prisoner, said Dan Dell'Orto, the Pentagon's principal deputy general counsel.

"The Red Cross serial number should have been registered soon, relatively soon," he said Thurs-

day at Rumsfeld's press briefing. Even if they had registered this detainee, the military could have denied an ICRC member access to interviews and inspection if doing so "might interrupt ... or disturb your ability to get information you need to get, particularly there and on the ground, where we had a terrorist, a known terrorist organization, of high rank," Dell'Orto said.

When asked if the Pentagon plans to suspend the practice in light of Dell'Orto's comments, a Pentagon spokesman said: "That's not something we're ready to talk about yet."

To rectify the situation, the Pentagon "has to abandon this policy," Fidell said. "The International Committee of the Red Cross attempts to work with great discretion. That is its hallmark, and is a policy that has served the ICRC very well and has served the interests of the United States."

"Where the books are being cooked, basically by the secret detentions, frustrates the ICRC's ability to perform its function," said Fidell, who also is president and co-founder of the nonpartisan National Institute of Military Justice.

For this article, he offered his own views. NIMJ has not taken a position on the issue.

Founded as a nonprofit organization based in Washington that has many members who served on active duty as judges and lawyers, serving the nation's justice system, and when it deems necessary and appropriate, makes recommendations for change to Congress, the Pentagon or the Court of Appeals for Armed Forces, Fidell said.

Fidell also finds worrisome that there may be other cases.

Rumsfeld acknowledged to reporters that other prisoners have been held secretly.

"There are instances where that occurs," he said.

Rumsfeld said the prisoner has not been mistreated, and distanced the case from the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

"He has been treated humanely," Rumsfeld said. "There's no implication of any problem. He was not at Abu Ghraib. He is not there now. He has never been there, to my knowledge. There's no question at all about whether or not he's received humane treatment."

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American beheaded in Saudi Arabia

BY SALAH NASRAWI
The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — An al-Qaida group beheaded American engineer Paul W. Johnson Jr., posting grisly photographs Friday of the hostage's severed head. Hours later, Arab TV reported the death of the chief suspect.

Shortly after Johnson's body was found outside Riyadh, Saudi security forces were engaged in a firefight with al-Qaida militants in the capital, said Adel al-Jubeiri, foreign affairs adviser to the Saudi crown prince. A number of the militants were killed, he said in Washington.

Key al-Qaida suspect killed, Arab TV says

The Arab satellite stations Al-Arabiya and Al-Jazeera reported that Abdulaziz al-Mogrin, the chief suspect and the alleged leader of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia, was killed Friday. The news was given in a scrolling news bar at the bottom of the screens, and it was unclear whether he was killed in the firefight.

The CIA and Saudi officials in Washington were unable to immediately confirm the report of al-Mogrin's death.

The executioners' photographs

and statement, in the name of Fajlah Brigade of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, appeared on a Web site hours after Johnson's wife went on Arab television and tearfully pleaded for his release.

Johnson, who had worked in Saudi Arabia for more than a decade, was the latest victim of an escalating campaign of violence against Westerners that aims to drive foreign workers from the kingdom and undermine the ruling royal family, hated by al-Qaida. Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida's leader, is a Saudi exile.

"In answer to what we promised ... to kill the hostage Paul Marshall (Johnson) after the period is over ... the infidel got his fair treatment," the al-Qaida statement said.

"Let him taste something of what Muslims have long tasted from Apache helicopter fire and missiles," the statement said.

Johnson, 49, who worked on Apache attack helicopter systems for Lockheed Martin, was kidnapped last weekend by militants who threatened to kill him by Fri-

day if the kingdom did not release its al-Qaida prisoners. The Saudi government rejected the demands.

President Bush, who learned of Johnson's death after a speech to troops at Fort Lewis, Wash., said the killing "shows the evil nature of the enemy we face."

"They're trying to get us to retreat from the world," Bush said. "America will not retreat. America will not be intimidated by these kinds of extremist thugs."

May God bless Paul Johnson," said Johnson's wife. She was in seclusion, her family was in Galloway Township, N.J., where they have been hiding a vigil.

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9/11 panel: Planes in Asia part of original plan

BY ROHAN SULLIVAN
The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks originally conceived a two-part plan that included hijacking airliners in Southeast Asia and blowing them up in mid-air as planes crashed into their targets in New York and Washington, U.S. investigators say.

Al-Qaida leaders also considered crashing hijacked planes into American targets in Japan, Singapore or South Korea as part of a "scaled-up" version of what began the Sept. 11 strikes, according to a staff report to the U.S. congressional committee investigating the attacks.

Osama bin Laden rejected the Asian part of the plan because it would have been too hard to coordinate with the U.S. side, says the document, one of two reports into al-Qaida's operations and the Sept. 11 plot released Wednesday in Washington and posted on the Internet.

The report, citing information gleaned

by U.S. interrogators from alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, reveals a much wider role for Asia in the 2001 attacks than was previously known.

Mohammed, a Kuwaiti who claims to have first proposed flying commercial airliners into high-profile targets in the United States to bin Laden in 1996, is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location after being captured in Pakistan last year.

In the mid-1990s, Mohammed was based in the Philippines and was a key figure in the so-called "Bojinka" plot to blow up 12 U.S. airliners over the Pacific. The plot fell apart when Philippine authorities discovered the bomb-making equipment in January 1995.

Mohammed told his U.S. interrogators that in 1996 he pitched several ideas to bin Laden to attack the United States, including a "scaled-up" version of the Sept. 11 attacks, the report says.

The U.S.-based part involved suicide hijackings, 10 planes and targets on both coasts. The second part was a revived and

modified version of the Bojinka plot, the report says.

"Operatives would hijack U.S. commercial planes flying Pacific routes from Southeast Asia and explode them in mid-air instead of crashing them into particular targets," the report says. "An alternate scenario, according to [Mohammed], involved flying planes into U.S. targets in Japan, Singapore or Korea."

"All planes in the United States and in Southeast Asia, however, were to be crashed or exploded more or less simultaneously, to maximize the psychological impact of the attacks," the report says.

Mohammed met with bin Laden again in 1999 to develop a list of targets, and bin Laden assigned four al-Qaida operatives — Saudi citizens Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar and Yemenis Waleed Mohammed bin Attash and Abu Bara al-Yemeni — to the plot, it says.

After undergoing special training at terrorist camps in Afghanistan, the four traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where they held meetings in January 2000.

In Malaysia, Attash and al-Yemeni were "directed to study airport security and conduct surveillance on U.S. carriers" and al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were "to switch passports," the report says.

The al-Qaida operatives were hosted in Kuala Lumpur by Riduan Isamuddin, an Indonesian better known as Hambali, and Yazid Sufaat, a former Malaysian army captain and chemical engineer. Both were senior members of Jemaah Islamiyah, an al-Qaida affiliate in Southeast Asia.

From Malaysia, Attash, al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, for further meetings.

From Bangkok, Attash flew to Hong Kong aboard a U.S. airliner with a box cutter — the hijacking weapon used on Sept. 11 — hidden in a bathroom bag. He later admitted to "casing" the flight in preparation for the Asian hijacking plot, the report says. But in April or May of 2000, bin Laden decided to cancel the Southeast Asia part of the plan's operation because he believed it would be too difficult to synchronize the hijacking and crashing of flights on opposite sides of the globe, the report says.

Putin says Russia warned U.S. of possible Iraq attack

The Associated Press

ASTANA, Kazakhstan — Russia gave the Bush administration intelligence after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that suggested Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq was preparing attacks in the United States, President Vladimir Putin said Friday.

Putin said he couldn't comment on how critical the Russians' information was in the U.S. decision to invade Iraq.

In Washington, a U.S. official said Putin's information did not add to what the United States already knew about Saddam's intentions.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information, said the Russian tip did not specify a time or a place where an attack might take place.

The Bush administration in part justified the invasion of Iraq by saying Saddam had links to terrorist groups, including al-Qaida.


The U.S. commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks said this week there was no evidence of any collaboration between Iraq and Osama bin Laden's terror network.

Putin said Russia didn't have any information that Saddam's regime was actually behind any terrorist acts.

"After Sept. 11, 2001, and before the start of the military operation in Iraq, the Russian special services, the intelligence service, received information that officials from Saddam's regime were preparing terrorist attacks in the United States and outside it against the U.S. military and other interests," Putin said.

Putin said the intelligence didn't cause Russia to waver from its firm opposition to the war.

"Despite that information about terrorist attacks being prepared by Saddam's regime, Russia's position on Iraq remains unchanged," Putin said.



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Seoul subway fights jumping suicide rate

BY SANG-HUN CHOE
The Associated Press

SEOUL — Between the roar of incoming trains, the soothing strains of Beethoven's "Für Elise" or Ben E. King's "Stand By Me" float across the platforms of Seoul's labyrinthine subway network.

The music fades and a preacher-like male voice intones: "Dear passengers, let's think again about the parents and sisters and brothers we love and the preciousness of our life."

Seoul's subway authorities hope the music and those exhortations will help relieve the stress of harassed Seoul citizens and fight a growing social problem: people who leap to their deaths in front of subway trains.

Driven by debt, lost love, terminal illness and other miseries, 95 people killed themselves in Seoul's subway system last year, up from the 58 in 2002. So far this year, 37 people have ended their lives the same way.

Some nervous jumpers put black plastic bags over their heads to block out their surroundings and maintain their resolve just before leaping in front of an oncoming train, said Park Suk-son, an official at Seoul Metropolitan Rapid Transit Corp., one of three corporations that run

the capital's subway network.

"For some reason, those suicidal people who don't wear bags sometimes lock their eyes with the drivers in the split second before they are hit by the train," he said.

One driver who exchanged gazes with a man who died under his train later suffered a mental breakdown and was transferred to a non-driving post. In an unrelated case last year, a subway driver with a history of mental problems committed suicide by jumping in front of a colleague's train.

"We are shocked by the sudden rise in the suicide figures," said Lim Jong-hyuk, an official at the Korea National Railroad.

Early this month, subway stations began broadcasting 76 times that experts say will help people think twice about their "spur-of-the-moment suicidal impulses." The songs include Frank Sinatra's "Send in the Clouds," "Sailing" by Rod Stewart, and Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Authorities also are setting up "safety-fences" screen doors along the platforms that open only when a train pulls in. They plan to install emergency buttons for platform passengers to alert drivers when they spot a person who appears to be on the verge of jumping.

Stations broadcast recorded ap-



Above: Passengers get off a subway past the safety fences at the Seoul station Thursday. Between the roar of incoming trains, music and soothing voices try to relieve the stress of harassed South Korean citizens and fight a growing social problem: people who choose to kill themselves in subway stations.

Left: A South Korea train employee Yun Byung-sam talks on his radio as he keeps watching monitors at the subway control room in Seoul.

AP photos

peals to passengers to show more care for neighbors. Posters and leaflets provide contact numbers for free counseling.

Electronic boards inside subway cars and platforms flash the sign: "Giving up your life will in-

fluct an unbearable pain on your family and the society!"

Statistics show 13,005 South Koreans killed themselves last year, more than the 12,458 who committed suicide in 1998 at the height of the Asian financial crisis, a trau-

matic period for the nation of 48 million people.

The suicide rate is marginally higher than in neighboring Japan, where 32,080 people killed themselves in 2003. Japan's total population is roughly 126 million.

Book: Japan muled nukes

TOKYO — Japan's Defense Agency considered building a nuclear arsenal in 1970 but concluded it was unfeasible, and abandoned the idea, the defense minister at a new book, a news report said Friday.

Yasushi Nakasone, Japan's defense minister for 18 months from January 1970 and prime minister from 1982 to 1987, wrote in his memoir that he ordered the study after learning an official at the agency had researched the topic.

The Defense Agency team estimated it would take 200 billion yen (then worth \$570 million) and five years for Japan to arm itself with nuclear weapons, Nakasone wrote, according to Kyodo News.

But since Japan had no testing ground for the weapons, the group decided development was unusable and the idea was abandoned, Nakasone wrote.

Japan is the only country to have suffered an atomic attack in the World War II bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and it has avidly campaigned to eliminate nuclear weapons, and is a strong backer of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

From The Associated Press

Comic book conveys hard knocks in North

BY SANG-HUN CHOE
The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korean sailors pop open Coca-Cola cans and offer them to North Korean soldiers in a ship for customs inspection.

The soldiers pretend not to touch the "cesspool water of American capitalism" — as North Koreans described the Coke — and drink only when the Southerners intentionally look away.

Then comes the embarrassment: despite their wealth, the North Koreans burp.

It's a scene from "Ordinary Mr. Oh's 548-Day Travelogue in North Korea," a two-volume comic book published this month that captures poignant snippets based on the author's 1½ years in North Korea, a totalitarian country often seen as bizarre by outsiders.

Oh Young-jin, a South Korean engineer and prize-winning cartoonist, was among hundreds of Korea Electric Power Corp. (Kepco) employees sent to develop a power project at Kumho, a remote northeastern coastal town in North Korea.

Under a contract with a U.S.-led international consortium, Oh's company worked six years at Kumho building a \$4.6-billion nuclear power plant, offered by Washington as a reward for the North's promise to abandon nuclear weapons development. The project was suspended last year when the United States ac-

cused North Korea of secretly making nuclear weapons.

Oh says he volunteered for the North Korean assignment out of curiosity about the isolated country. He was at Kumho from March 2000-August 2001, working with North Korean laborers who showed little appreciation for the project but praised leader Kim Jong Il for "strangling" then-President Bill Clinton into donating the nuclear plant.

Built around on-the-site episodes, Oh's comic strips reveal the absurdity and poverty in North Korea. Newspapers report no crime. Hunger-stricken villagers awake in the morning to the blaring of loudspeakers urging "a full march toward building a strong nation." A barbershop maid berates a South Korean engineer for throwing down a newspaper showing Kim Jong Il's portrait.

In a section on "Productivity" a South Korean engineer fumes at a North Korean who insists on doing only what the party told him to do that day — carrying planks — and refuses to hand the engineer some nails.

Coming to work on empty stomachs, North Koreans took huge lunch helpings at a Kepco restaurant and became drowsy after overeating.

In nearby villages, a man cried over the flimsy wooden coffin of his mother and carried it alone to a cemetery on the back of his bicycle. Corn withered on collective farms but

grew healthy inside the walls of homes. On a cold night, passengers huddled around bonfires after their train stopped because of an electricity shortage.

Mixing men from the two Koreas after half a century of division often resulted in acrimony. In an argument over which side was better off, a North Korean insisted that he had a refrigerator at home — an obvious lie since North Korea doesn't have enough electricity for lights. A South Korean worker asked him whether the freezer was attached to the ceiling or bottom of the refrigerator.

"I can't answer such a question because it's my mother who manages the refrigerator," the Northerner said, storming off.

Oh's group lived in a closed-off enclave. For their North Korean assignments, they were paid twice their usual salary. But they had to obey work regulations designed to limit their contact with the local populace, brainwashed with the personality cult that underpins the regime of leader Kim.

Regulations prevented Oh from offering a ride to a North Korean woman walking through a drizzle, carrying a baby on her back and a bag and firewood in each hand. Communist soldiers at customs scrutinized a colander for hours, suspecting it was a satellite device.

When a South Korean car approached, small girls turned their back, covering their eyes with their hands. "You fawns of American imperialists!" boys shouted at the bewildered South Korean workers.

9/11 kin hope panel's report leads to reform

BY HOPE YEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Relatives of Sept. 11 victims say a commission's final hearing on the government's response as the 2001 attacks unfolded left them angered by missteps but hopeful for reform.

After a 1½-year investigation, the Sept. 11 commission Thursday held its last hearing on the chain of events from the moment American Airlines Flight 11 took off from Boston at 8 a.m. to shortly after United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania at 10:03 a.m.

Some victims' family members dabbed their eyes and others shook their heads in disgust as the panel played Federal Aviation

Administration tapes containing the hijackers' voices. It was the first time the tapes were heard publicly.

One tape captured confusion at the FAA, with an official saying, "Uh, God, I don't know," when asked what to do about a hijacked plane.

"It was extremely difficult to watch," said Mary Fatchett, who has attended many of the panel's 12 hearings. Her son, Brad, died in the World Trade Center attack.

"We had a heightened alert that summer. The president had a briefing warning about possible attacks, and people knew the World Trade Center was a target. Yet on the ground, there was no protocol and people in Tower 2 were told to stay in the building when it collapsed," said Fatchett, of New Canaan, Conn.

Hecklers twice interrupted testimony from defense officials, including Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who told the committee the military wasn't prepared for the attacks because it was trained to focus on a threat from outside U.S. borders.

"Tell us about the 9/11 war games!" yelled one audience member, referring to proposed military exercises in which commanders would consider how to respond if terrorists flew a hijacked plane into the Pentagon. Some say plans for the exercise suggested the Pentagon could have better prepared for the attacks.

Another protester was escorted outside by police after unfolding an American flag

and screaming, "This commission is a farce. I'm walking out."

Lawmakers have accused the panel of being overly partisan following politically charged hearings featuring officials such as National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice. Victims' relatives said questioning at other times was too soft and deferential.

Relatives said Thursday they have learned a great deal more about the Sept. 11 attacks than three years ago. But in the end, it will be the commission's final report due next month that will determine history's judgment.

"This is really the beginning," said Beverly Eckert of Stamford, Conn., who says family members will continue lobbying the commission to provide a full accounting of what went wrong and why.

3 policemen killed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Three police officers were fatally shot as they tried to serve a warrant at a reputed crack house.

The officers were killed Thursday when they went to the apartment house with a fourth officer to arrest Nathaniel Laue Woods on a misdemeanor domestic assault warrant, said Police Chief Anneta Nunn. The fourth officer was uninjured.

Kerry Marquise Spencer, 24, and Woods, 27, were booked into jail on suspicion of capital murder, according to early reports by the Birmingham News.

City Hall spokesman Brett Oates identified the slain officers as Harley Chisholm III, 40; Charles Robert Bennett, 33; and Carlos Owen, 33.

Kidnapped boy found

COLUMBUS, Ga. — A 2-year-old boy who was reported kidnapped in a kidnapping and held for a \$100,000 ransom was found safe Thursday outside a gas station in his hometown, authorities said.

Police said they were tipped to Tellious Brown's whereabouts by an anonymous caller soon after his mother pleaded for his return at a news conference. No ransom was paid, said a law enforcement source.

The boy's mother, 24-year-old Lakendra Trice, told police that she and her son were getting out of a car Wednesday night when two men pulled a gun on her and drove off with the child still in the car.

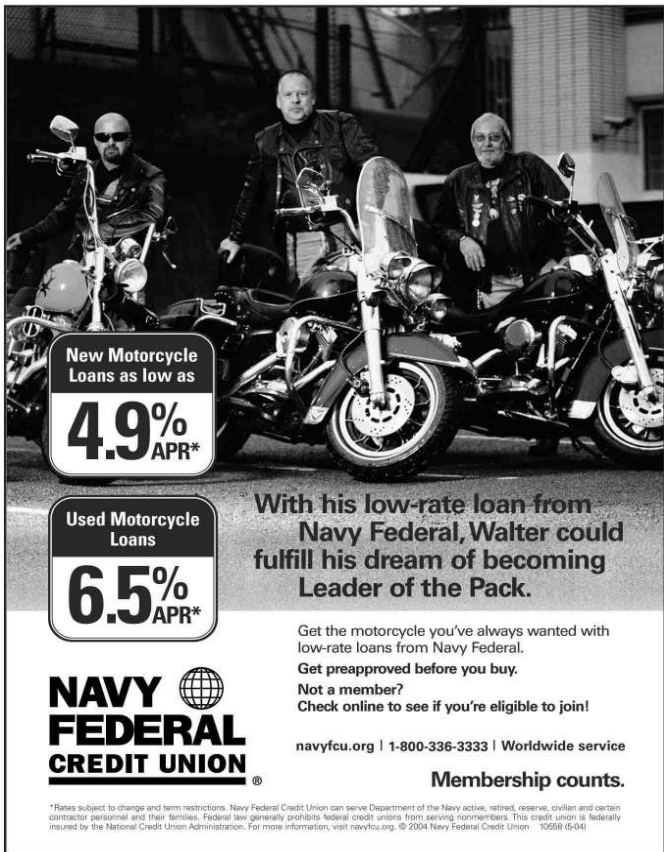
Pool to get safety review

FORT WORTH, Texas — The 9-foot-deep garden pool where three children and a father drowned this week was originally designed to be 3 feet deep, a city official said, and an extensive safety review was planned.

Richard Zavala, parks and community services director, said the city will look into the discrepancy in the water depth and also evaluate whether an emergency pump shut-off valve should be closer to the pool.

Powerful suction apparently pulled the four victims to the bottom of the murky green pool at the Fort Worth Water Gardens on Wednesday, authorities said.

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Kerry making an in-depth search for VP

BY JIM VANDEHEI
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — John Kerry has been phoning friends at all hours and reviewing vice-presidential choices dating to 1932 as the Democratic candidate nears what many consider the biggest — and most telling — decision of his general-election campaign, according to Democrats inside and out of the campaign.

While Kerry is tight-lipped about the pick, these Democrats said the process is revealing much about how the Massachusetts senator views his strengths, his leadership style and the role of a vice president. Kerry has privately expressed confidence that voters see him as sufficiently strong on national security, they say, but wonders whether he needs a moderate or conservative Democrat on the ticket to improve his centrist credentials.

Still, Kerry is skeptical a running mate can make a decisive difference in the election's outcome,

these sources said, and is much more concerned with finding a ready-made president, though one who will not try to steal the show.

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina has emerged as the favorite of many Democratic senators and Kerry friends and advisers. Edwards' stock has shot up in recent weeks as private polling shows the freshman senator providing a boost to the ticket in key states because of his Southern appeal and perceived likability, two sources close to the campaign said. "The delay in announcing someone has helped Edwards," a Democrat close to Kerry said.

Kerry, who had been enamored with the idea of a unity ticket, all but dropped that as a possi-



Kerry

bility after Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., rebuffed his overtures, the sources said.

Many of his friends said Kerry showed where they think his heart is by giving a 90-minute interview Wednesday evening to another rival from the primaries, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri. Kerry considers the former House minority leader not only presidential and trustworthy but also unlikely to upstage or overshadow him on the campaign trail or in office, the sources said. Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack and Sen. Bob Graham of Florida appear very much in the running, too. Kerry met privately with Graham two weeks ago in Florida.

Two Democrats close to Kerry said retired Gen. Wesley Clark's stock plummeted after the former Democratic presidential candidate received lackluster reviews from some former colleagues.

No minorities or women are frequently cited by Kerry allies as top contenders. But history shows the eventual vice-presidential

pick is often someone the campaign — and media — have not mentioned. Think Richard Cheney in 2000.

Friends say Kerry believes he has passed a national security threshold with voters that has fired him to tap a vice-presidential candidate who complements him in other ways. In 2000, Cheney was seen as a wise choice for Texas Gov. George W. Bush because he brought foreign policy credentials to the ticket.

Some Democrats said Kerry is less confident that he has successfully sold himself as a moderate politician, which helps explain the flirtation with McCain, a unity ticket and Democratic centrist such as Edwards. The campaign considers the South to be Kerry's biggest regional liability, which may bode well for Edwards.

Some close to Kerry talk of a "Mississippi strategy" that would move away from a traditional battle for the South and focus on the states stretching from Louisiana, through Arkansas and Missouri, northward.

This helps explain Kerry's early interest in Clark, who is from Arkansas, and Midwesterners Gephardt and Vilsack, according to a Democrat close to the campaign.

Sen. Democrats are pushing Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, who voted for some Bush tax cuts, sending a clear signal of centrism. The Indiana Democrat would "underscore" that Kerry "is bringing mainstream values to the ticket," said Democratic pollster Mark Penn, who is promoting Bayh.

Kerry told American Urban Radio Networks on Thursday that a prerequisite is "somebody who has the ability to fill in as president if something terrible were to happen." Most presidential candidates say this, but Kerry seems unusually sensitive to that possibility, according to several people who have talked to him. Kerry is a student of history and an ardent fan of President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated. Kerry also seen death up close in the Vietnam War, and he faced prostate cancer in 2003.

Bush addresses Fort Lewis troops, gets McCain support



AP

President Bush rallies soldiers at Fort Lewis, Wash., on Friday.

BY SCOTT LINDLAU

The Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Before cheering troops, President Bush got a strong endorsement on Iraq and a boost for his re-election campaign Friday from Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican courted by Democrat John Kerry to be his running mate.

McCain offered dire warnings about the threat from terrorists and from Saddam Hussein — words that matched the starkest language Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney have employed. The support from McCain came as the president is trying to counter rising questions about the invasion.

"Should the enemy acquire for their arsenal the chemical, biological and nuclear weapons they seek, this war (on terrorism) will become an even bigger thing. It will become a fight for survival," McCain told thousands of GIs at the Army base here.

"That's why your courage is so indispensable to us."

McCain said of Bush: "He has not wavered in his determination to protect this country and to make the world a better, safer, freer place. You will not yield, nor will he."

For Bush, McCain's vigorous defense of the war was a welcome rebuttal to a report

this week that called into question a central pillar of the case for war.

The independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks chided the administration's claims of a link between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida.

Bush spent much of his speech offering a fresh defense of the war he launched 15 months ago, trying to ensure that morale among troops does not sag.

"As a private citizen, I'm happy with what he's doing," said Sgt. Kenneth Krook, a member of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, which could be called to Iraq soon. "As a soldier... I'm basically supposed to do what they tell me to."

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FATHER'S DAY

Appreciating the underrated Father's Day

BY JOE DONATELLI

Scripps Howard News Service

Father's Day is a vastly underrated holiday.

Every year Mother's Day seems to garner more attention. Mother's Day is the Paris Hilton of holidays. Turn on the TV, open a magazine or look at a Mother's Day card and it's like Mother's Day is right there in your face.

Meanwhile, Father's Day fades to the background. It's the Nicky Hilton of holidays. The only reason you know it exists is because of its overexposed counterpart. Otherwise, Father's Day would be just another holiday on the arm of some wannabe heroin addict in a mesh shirt outside the Roxbury. Come on, you know it's true.

Personally, I blame our schools for the Mother's Day-Father's Day appreciation gap.

We celebrate Mother's Day in May

while school is in session. In every teacher's quest to ensure that the very least amount of learning possible occurs each day, approximately six hours on the Friday before Mother's Day is set aside for the construction of macaroni cards, macaroni necklaces, macaroni Cher box sets, etc.

Unfortunately, Father's Day is in June, when children are out of school and do not have ready access to macaroni, glue sticks and construction paper. Subconsciously, the child equates Mother's Day with doing something nice, and Father's Day with being as far away from glue sticks as possible.

As a result, many children only come to an appreciation of Father's Day later in life. To be fair, schools aren't the only ones to blame, in spite of their patriarchal glue sticks of subconscious feminism.

No, there's a less insane reason and it's this: You won't appreciate anything your father told you as a child until you're about 23 years old.

Mom's advice makes sense when you're 5.

Your brother hits you. You look at her. She looks at you both and says, "Never hit your brother."

So you never hit your brother. Would dad give the same advice? No.

The look on his face says, "Hey, sometimes you have to hit your brother." But instead of angering mom by giving you advice that could lead to you hitting your brother — while saving you years of torture in the process — he bites his tongue.

Instead he tells his 5-year-old son, "When you go out drinking, swallow a teaspoon of olive oil first to coat your stomach. That way you can drink all night long."

At age 5 this makes no sense. But at age 23, you realize this is quite possibly the greatest gift any parent could give a child.

"Never hit your brother" won't help you when it's 4 a.m. on Friday night. But "swal-

low a teaspoon of olive oil first" can mean the difference between passing out on your lawn (again) or making it safely into bed.

Examples abound. When you're 7 and your father tells you to paint with the grain, you have no idea what that means. Paint your first apartment and you realize that throughout your childhood there was a genius at work who was readying you for the day when mom's advice would no longer apply.

That day generally comes the moment you graduate from high school/college/trade school. You've survived the soft part of life thanks to mom's advice. Then the hard part comes, and that's when dad's advice regarding water heater maintenance, tire pressure and how to drink like a champion comes in handy.

Happy Father's Day, Dad! Thanks to you and mom, I am always older when I'm tempted to hit my brothers. I extract my revenge by messing with their water heaters and tire pressure instead.

Myers among fathers of the year

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — CJCS knows best.

In addition to being Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this year Gen. Richard Myers shares with four others the title of "2004 Fathers of the Year," as named by the National Father's Day Committee.

"As I see it, a father has to do his best to help raise children who will be good citizens, good leaders, and good parents in their own right," said Myers, father to three grown children and grandfather to two. "He also has a responsibility to make the

world a better place for his children and grandchildren. It's a tremendous privilege and responsibility, so being recognized as 'Father of the Year' is truly a great honor."

The other top fathers this year are Ellis Marsalis Jr., musician and patriarch of the Marsalis musical family; NASCAR driver Richard Petty; NBA star Isiah Thomas; and baseball Hall of Famer

Tommy Lasorda.

"The criteria is that they have to be active in the community and recommended by either a family member, friend, committee member or past honoree," said committee office associate Joan Reeves.

Myers was nominated by a committee member whose brother serves in the U.S. military, she said.

The 17-member National Father's Day Committee is a not-for-profit, noncommercial organization that strives to heighten the meaning and observance of Father's Day and raises funds for philanthropic purposes.

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Myers

Take a Father's Day quiz

BY MATT WIXON

The Dallas Morning News

Dad, why is the sky blue? Dad, how big is the world? Dad, where do babies come from? These are questions men can prepare for as they begin the greatest test of their lives: fatherhood. Other questions are more difficult to prepare for, such as, "Dad, why can't I get a tattoo?" and "Dad, why are you so embarrassing?"

Because it's Father's Day, we give the old man a break from the questions.

Instead of another quiz for dads, we offer a quiz about dads — and the parenting role that requires love, patience and the knowledge that money doesn't grow on trees.

1. Before his wife goes into labor, a well-prepared expectant father will pack ...

- A. a change of clothes and a toothbrush
- B. a change of clothes, toothbrush and a video camera
- C. a change of clothes, toothbrush, video camera, towels, salad tape, bullhorn, flare gun and palisade tongs

2. The worst thing an expectant father can say when his wife is in labor is ...

- A. "Did that contraction hurt?"
- B. "At least you'll be losing weight soon."
- C. "Move your head, the commercial is over."

3. A father who cries at the birth of his child is ...

- A. overwhelmed by the miracle of life.
- B. feeling an immediate emotional attachment to his baby.
- C. adding up the hospital bill in his head.

4. The greatest moment for a father is ...

- A. the first time his child says, "I love you, Daddy."
- B. the last time his child says, "I'd love to have 20 bucks."

C. the only time his child says, "Dad, I love the clothes you're wearing today."

5. A father's stories usually end with ...

- A. "... and that's how I met your mother."
- B. "... and that's when I knew my dad was right."
- C. "... five miles, uphill both ways, in the snow."

6. The most important part of being a father is ...

- A. realizing that you're not always right.
- B. realizing that your kids want your time, not your gifts.
- C. realizing that if the gift is a bicycle, you should never try to assemble the &#!%* thing in front of your child.

7. When a father falls asleep during his daughter's dance recital, he ...

- A. can expect an earful from his wife.
- B. will be disappointed that he missed the performance.
- C. will swear that he was never asleep and was just "resting his eyes."

8. A father often worries that his children will think ...

- A. that he doesn't know what he's talking about.
- B. that he doesn't spend enough time with them.
- C. that no matter how badly they behave in the back seat, he won't really turn the wheel around.

9. The most frightening moment for a father is ...

- A. when his child asks about the birds and the bees.
- B. when his child tells him about the birds and the bees.
- C. when his child interrupts the birds-and-the-bees talk to ask, "Does this have anything to do with sex?"

SCORING: It's Father's Day, so this quiz doesn't get a grade. Just get Dad a drink and let him keep the remote all day, even if he falls asleep in the recliner. Remember, he's just resting his eyes.

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FATHER'S DAY

Parenting experts explore dad's influence

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If most mothers take on the job of nurturing feelings and emotions, fathers often shape their children's perception of the outside world — and how the world perceives their children.

"The bottom line is fathers matter. If (a father) really believes that, he'll behave and act differently and make different choices. Those will be reflected in the success of his children," says Stephan Poulter, author of "Father Your Son: How to Become the Father You've Always Wanted to Be" (McGraw-Hill).

"If the choices you've made send a message to your son that he's important in the world, he'll use that as a base. It's a healthy start for the rest of his life," Poulter adds.

In the family hierarchy, it's dad who usually sets the limits, whether it's the curfew or emotional boundaries.

"Dad installs the inner thermostat to control anger and experimentation, and the internal gauge of what's right, what's acceptable and how to express feelings," Poulter says.

"Mom shows how to deal with emotions, and dad shows how to control them."

Both Poulter and Joe Kelly, who wrote "Dads and Daughters: How to Inspire, Understand and Support Your Daughter When She's Growing Up So Fast" (Broadway Books) agree that the same general rules apply to parenting girls and boys.

"The model dad sets is what it means to be a man, which is hugely important to sons AND daughters," Kelly says.

The definition of "dad," however, can be very broad.

Having a father-figure is important, says Kelly, but whether that man is a biological father, a stepfather or another friend or relative doesn't matter as long as he dedicates himself to raising healthy and happy children.

A "team approach" between a mother and father is the best approach, and many divorced parents do come together when it comes to their kids' well-being, Poulter notes. "Kids need bookends."

It's a girl's father who shapes her expectations of men, Kelly explains, since a daughter watches her dad's relationship with her mother and other women. "Anything you grow up with as a kid you think is 'normal.'"

"The life partner a daughter chooses likely will have a lot of qualities similar to her dad," he adds.

Meanwhile, a stoic father probably will raise a stoic son who will be equally reluctant to get involved in his children's lives, says 45-year-old Poulter.

"So many men ... raise their son with a male gag on it, they send their boys out in the world emotionally illiterate," says the Los Angeles-based clinical psychologist.

Poulter encourages fathers to

be involved before their babies are born. It's never too early — or too late — to forge a relationship, he says.

Many dads pick and choose the ages that they'll be involved with their kids; usually it's between the ages of 5 and 10, when the children are old enough to communicate but too young to ask the

tough questions, according to Poulter, father of three.

Poulter says when a father "disappears" during adolescence, teens find ways to get his attention: "They'll get arrested, kicked out of school or drive their mother crazy just to get dad in the room."

Bonding with their children

doesn't mean fathers have to develop a sudden interest in rap music or Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen.

Sports or outdoor chores are easy "moments" but if those don't work out, helping with homework or taking a walk would do the trick, Kelly says.

He also suggests fathers de-

scribe their own work and hobbies, and ask the kids about their thoughts and passions.

"What daughters hunger for from their fathers is dedicated time. You've got to make time when it's just the two of you. ... Make sacred time to pay attention. It's something we dads sometimes miss because we're concentrating on being providers."



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Miss. town's silence on KKK killings is history

BY LYNDIA EDWARDS

The Associated Press



A historic marker outside Mount Zion United Methodist Church in rural Mississippi tells of the deaths of civil rights workers Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, who were killed June 21, 1964, following the burning of the church near Philadelphia, Miss.

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — Forty years after three civil rights activists were executed by the Ku Klux Klan, tourism officials are documenting their demise in hopes of retelling history and drawing visitors to the town where their killers were once protected.

A black history brochure that documents the final hours of Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney is aimed at bringing tour dollars to this rural area northeast of Jackson.

Most of the 5,000 brochures printed just two weeks ago by the Philadelphia tourism bureau have already been grabbed up as this weekend's anniversary of the June 21 slaying draws near. Chaney, a 21-year-old black man from Mississippi, and Goodman, 20, and Schwerner, 24 — both white men from New York City — were part of the 1964 "Freedom Summer" program in which young civil rights workers organized voter education and registration campaigns.

The three disappeared when they went to investigate a fire at a black church in Neshoba County. Weeks later, their bodies were found buried

in an earthen dam a few miles from the church.

No stone or plaque marks the area where the three were executed so David Vowell, director of Philadelphia's tourism bureau, photographed the spot and gives directions in the brochure.

The brochure also maps the activists' path from Mount Zion United Methodist Church, which was burned to punish congregants who helped with voter registration drives, and guides visitors to the jail where the young men were held while Ku Klux Klan members drove toward the town at night.

Alex Thomas, 30, who directs the Mississippi Development Authority's tourism division, proposed the brochure idea to the predominantly white Philadelphia tourism bureau in February.

"When I was in high school, history textbooks didn't discuss Medgar Evers' murder or the church burnings and killings in Philadelphia," said Thomas, who is black. "The three men killed in Philadelphia were heroes who made life better for all Americans. That's history that I would like my daughter to know."

Mississippi draws 33 million tourists who spend \$5.7 million annually. But

Thomas wondered why Mississippi balked at confronting its history like some Southern states. In Tennessee, for example, the Lorraine Motel in Memphis where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated is now a stop on many civil rights tours.

The issue was broached when the MDA did a January tourism assessment of Neshoba County. The obvious draw was Pearl River Resort's casinos, golf course and restaurants on the neighboring Choctaw Reservation. "But for years, people who came to the resort for a convention or golfing would call us asking for directions to Mount Zion," Vowell said.

"No one was ever convicted of the murders, so I guess there were people here who believed that if the past was never discussed, it would fade away," Vowell said. "That changed over the years. Now people realize that unless they put the truth out in the light, they can never move into a future where Philadelphia is proud of its cultural heritage."

Many residents agreed. Philadelphia's Mississippi Development Partnership passed a resolution condemning the murders last month.

Neshoba County supervisors voted to give \$5,000 to the committee planning an anniversary memorial for the activists.



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Ray Charles memorialized in Los Angeles

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Friends of Ray Charles set the late singer off on a high note Friday.

B.B. King, Glen Campbell, Stevie Wonder and Wynton Marsalis performed musical tributes to Charles, who died last week at 73, during a joyous funeral service at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles' son, the Rev. Robert Robinson Sr., started the service with a rousing tone, clapping his hands throughout a reading from the Old Testament. Then the Rev. Jesse Jackson added a New Testament reading threaded with his own inspirational message.

"Now heaven has a maestro," Jackson said. "Ray, when you first get there, before you meet Count (Basie), before you meet Duke (Ellington), before you

meet family and friends, there's a man over there, across the river who is giving sight to the blind."

Friends and family of the singer, who had been blind since age 7, applauded and cheered.

Willie Nelson performed a tearful rendition of Charles' signature hit, "Georgia On My Mind," but wasn't allowed to leave the pulpit on a sad note — Charles' longtime manager, Joe Adams, teased him about always losing chess games to Charles.

Nelson joked that after his last loss to the sightless performer, he asked him, "Next time we play, can we turn the lights on?"

Charles was mourned by thousands who walked a long red carpet past his open casket Thursday.

Charles, who died last week at 73, sang such favorites as "I Can't Stop Loving You" and "Born to Lose."



A photo of music legend Ray Charles is adorned with flowers at his funeral Friday at the First AME Church in Los Angeles. Charles died last week at 73.

Hip-Hop convention looks to build clout

BY GLENN GAMBOA
Newsday

NEWARK, N.J. — The first National Hip-Hop Political Convention may not be as grand as the gathering that will soon dominate election coverage, with delegates crammed into Metropolitan Baptist Church's auditorium dressed in shorts, many sporting dreadlocks or shaved heads.

However, the 2,000 delegates from "the hip-hop generation" gathered here for a four-day convention are as serious about developing a political agenda and putting it in place as their Republican and Democratic counterparts.

"The purpose of this convention is to get those people who don't give a damn about us out of office and get someone in who cares," said Jeff Johnson, coordinator for young voters at America Votes and political commentator for Black Entertainment Television's "Rap City."

Though organizers concede many doubt a group bound by music and popular culture will wield much political clout, they believe the numbers are on their side: About 33 percent of the American electorate is part of the hip-hop generation, defined as those ages 13 to 43, according to the group's estimates. And with the genre set to celebrate its 30th anniversary next year, organizers say this year's convention will help produce a network of activists, artists and fans that will become too big

to ignore.

"We're all conscious of what we do," organizer Rosa Clemente said. "We're not 14 years old anymore. It's time to say, 'Y'all not taking hip-hop from us. Y'all not taking anything from us anymore.'"

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ing a political culture in the hip-hop generation, one that is self-affirming instead of self-rejecting. A lot of people now find politics distasteful. That has to change."

Inmate escapes prison during rap video shoot

ATLANTA — An unauthorized rap video was being filmed at the Fulton County Jail on the same night an inmate escaped for several hours.

A video for rapper Clifford Harris, whose stage name is T.I., was being filmed Thursday night around the same time Cara Williams, dressed in medical scrubs, slipped out a door for employees.

Jail officials said the video shoot was unauthorized and that it had nothing to do with Williams' escape. She was found six hours later at a gas station.

A spokesman for Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett said she had no idea a rap video was being filmed inside her jail.

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West could face its worst drought in centuries

Dry conditions have Colorado River in worse shape than Dust Bowl era

BY ANGIE WAGNER

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The drought gripping the West could be the worst in 500 years, with effects in the Colorado River basin even worse than during the Dust Bowl years, scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey say.

"That we can now say with confidence," said Robert Webb, lead author of the new fact sheet released Thursday. "Now I'm completely convinced."

The drought has produced the lowest flow in the Colorado River on record, with an annual average flow of only 5.4 million acre-feet at Lees Ferry, Ariz., during the period 2001-2003, adjusted for the effect of Glen Canyon Dam. By comparison, during the Dust Bowl years, between 1930 and 1937, the annual flow averaged about 10.2 million acre-feet, the report said.

Scientists use tree-ring reconstructions of Colorado River flows to estimate what conditions were like before record-keeping began in 1895. Using that method, the lowest five-year average of water flow was 8.84 million acre-feet in the years 1590-1594. From 1999 through last year, water flow has been 7.11 million acre-feet.

"These comparisons suggest that the current drought may be comparable to or more severe than the largest-known drought in 500 years," the report said.

Environmental groups say water managers should take heed.

"The water managers, they just continue to pray for rain," said Owen Lammers, director of Living Rivers and Colorado Riverkeeper. "They just say, 'Well, we hope that things change and we see rain.'"

Lammers said the report reinforces the need to figure out a better way to manage the Colorado River before reservoirs run dry.

"Once our reserve supply is gone, we have no plan of action for what to do," he said.

The report said the river had its highest flow of the 20th century during 1905 to 1922, the years used to estimate how much water Western states would receive under the 1922 Colorado River Compact.

The compact should now be reconsidered because of the uncertain water flow, said Steve Smith, a regional director for the Wilderness Society.

"We've got to figure out a new way of distributing the water that exists in the Western United States and be a lot more deliberate about our cautious and efficient use of the water," he said.

The report didn't surprise water managers.

"The big lesson is communities cannot afford to put all their eggs in the proverbial basket. You need ... a diverse portfolio of resources," said Adan Ortega, spokesman for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest wholesale water supplier in the country.

Ortega said the water district is increas-

ing water storage, buying water from farmers and investing in alternatives to the Colorado River.

Vince Alberta, spokesman for the Southern Nevada Water Authority, said water use in southern Nevada this year is actually down and the authority continues to enforce watering restrictions, impose fines for water waste and promote conservation.

"I think we can be successful managing this drought, but it's going to take a unified effort with everybody making sacrifices," Alberta said.

Herb Guenther, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, said the agency continues to plan for a continuing drought.

"It's serious, but the sky is not falling. Of course, we wish it would — in the form of rain," he said.

Webb said predicting when the drought will end isn't easy because the Colorado River is difficult to forecast.

"It's sort of a split-personality river. It has headwaters up in Wyoming as well as headwaters in Colorado," Webb said.

"Those two regions tend to respond to different things. ... We can't explain it very well."

Droughts seldom persist for longer than a decade, the report noted. But that could mean the current drought is only half over.

"If you're a betting person, you will bet that we will come out of this drought next year," Webb said. "It's a very severe event and these things tend to end fast."



THE SACRAMENTO (CALIF.) BEE/AP

Rafters float Marble Canyon on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon in Arizona in April. Drought along the Colorado River has entered its fifth consecutive year.

There are other indications, though, that suggest that this drought could persist for as long as 30 years.

"We don't really know."

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Benning GIs see themselves in video game

Iraq war vets say Full Spectrum Warrior will aid training by simulating their experiences

BY ELLIOT MINOR

The Associated Press

FORT BENNING, Ga. — THQ, the nation's second-largest independent video game publisher, celebrated the launch on Thursday of Full Spectrum Warrior with a demonstration of the commercial version of the game the Army is using for urban warfare training.

Young soldiers, many of them veterans of the Iraq war, gathered in two large Army tents, pitched end-to-end, to try out the game, which uses artificial intelligence to give the make-believe soldiers personalities and humanlike reactions.

There's Sgt. Mendez, the son of Cuban immigrants, who leads the four-member Alpha team. Among his soldiers is Pfc. Silverman, "the resident smartass, who joins the army to escape his domineering step-father in Philadelphia."

Sgt. Williams, the Bravo team leader is a New York City cop who was on patrol during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, then was mobilized as an Army reservist. His most difficult soldier is Pfc. Shimenski, who has a knack for doing the wrong thing at the wrong time.

The eight soldiers, wearing desert camouflage and wearing the patch of Georgia's 3rd Infantry Division, which led the bloody push to Baghdad, are sent on a day-long mission in a bullet-riddled town to quash terrorists in the fictional nation of Zeki-

As they maneuver through the streets,



Pfc. James Palmer of Hastings, Minn., a veteran of the Iraq war, plays a new urban warfare game at Fort Benning, Ga., on Thursday. The game, Full Spectrum Warrior, is a commercial version of a game the Army uses in urban warfare training.

terrorist fire machine guns from windows and appear on rooftops with rocket-propelled grenade launchers. Bullets streak through the air and blood spatters the screen when the soldier is wounded.

"It's pretty cool," said Iraq war veteran Pfc. James Palmer of Hastings, Minn., a mortarman with the 3rd ID's 130th infan-

"I thought it would be a shooter-type

game, but this is pretty amazing," he said. "It shows how easy things can go bad."

Staff Sgt. Christopher Robinson, 35, a weapons instructor at Fort Benning's Infantry Training Center, said he often plays combat video games, but the \$49.99 Full Spectrum Warrior is the best by far.

The team leaders can assign tasks to certain members, such as the automatic rifleman or the soldier with a grenade launcher, or the whole team can move in unison, he said.

Robinson said he believes there is no substitute for hands-on training, but the game should motivate young soldiers to want to "go out there and do this physically."

Fort Benning spokeswoman Elsie Jackson said the Army has been using a version known as Full Spectrum Command for about a year to teach captains to lead small groups in urban warfare.

"Simulated training will never take the place of boots on the ground, but any time you have a chance to practice it can only help," she said, noting that Fort Benning has two urban warfare sites where soldiers train.

THQ spokesman Tom Stratton said the game, currently available for the Microsoft X-Box, was introduced earlier this month. He said Thursday's event was to honor the soldiers at Fort Benning, for whom the game was designed.

"This is definitely a game designed for an adult audience," he said. "If this were a movie, it would R-rated."

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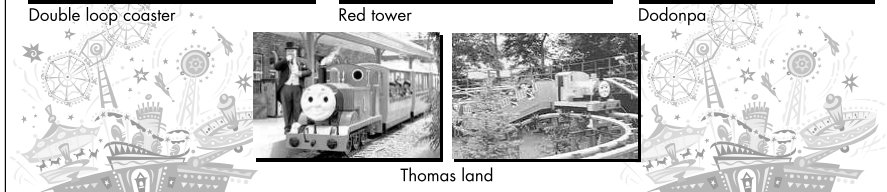
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Vatican turns to new technology to track manuscripts

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Dealing with bug infestations, normal wear and tear and even the occasional thief, keepers of the 15th century Vatican Apostolic Library face an ever-challenging task. Their latest step to keep their invaluable collection intact has been to employ some 21st century technology.

Officials have started implanting computer chips in the 1.6 million books in the Vatican's collection. The chips communicate via radio wave with hand-held monitors, so librarians can tell if a book is missing.

"That is no small thing, because a book that's out of place is as if the book is lost," says Ambrogio Piazzoni, the library's deputy prefect.

The technology has been around for a few years. But the Vatican believes its "Pergamon" system — named for the ancient city in modern Turkey that

housed one of the Old World's greatest libraries — marks the first time that the system has been applied to a library catalogue on a large scale.

It's the latest advance for the Vatican Library, which was started by Pope Nicholas V in the 1450s with an initial 350 Latin manuscripts. By the time Nicholas died in 1455, the collection had swelled to about 1,500 codices and was the largest in Europe.

Today, the Vatican Library is known for its collection of manuscripts — the one-of-a-kind, often beautifully illustrated handwritten books that predate the era of the printing press.

One of the library's most important pieces is the "Codex Bezae" — the oldest known complete Bible, which dates from about 325 A.D. and is believed to have been one of the 50 bibles Emperor Constantine commissioned.

The library today is housed in a series of frescoed halls inside Vatican City that are open to scholars who request permission to do research.



Vatican Apostolic Library's Deputy Prefect Ambrogio Piazzoni looks through a reproduction of an ancient manuscript of a botanics book.

Scholars also must know exactly what they're looking for, since the manuscript collection — like those of other great libraries — is not entirely catalogued.

In fact, only about 15,000 to 20,000 manuscripts have been logged so far since the modern process began in 1902, Piazzoni says.

"Which means that if we continue with the same criteria of cataloguing, we can assume that we'll finish in 3½ centuries," he says.

Developer Bernard McFarland is seen in a unit of his condo building, the former St. Peter and Paul's Church, in South Boston. At St. Peter and Paul's, the one- to three-bedroom condos have sold for between \$300,000 for the smallest one-bedroom unit to \$1.2 million for a penthouse unit with cathedral ceilings and the original bell tower of the 1848 church.



Churches become condos in new trend

BY DENISE LAVOIE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — When St. Peter and Paul's Church was sold to a developer, there was a lot of resistance in South Boston. Not only was the beloved church closing, it was being turned into something that was antithetical to the working-class neighborhood: luxury condominiums.

As the Boston Archdiocese prepares to put 60 churches up for sale, developers and real estate brokers predict they will be swooped up and converted into condos because the market is hot for trendy, distinctive real estate.

"Huge, huge, huge, huge, huge," said Peter La-Bruna, a real estate agent in Newton, where two churches are to be closed. "They'll sell in a heartbeat, overnight, in 10 minutes."

Eric Constantine, an appraiser who specializes in church properties, said converting them into living space is often difficult and expensive because of the desire to preserve unusual architectural details while creating extra floors within the often cavernous buildings.

"The big hall with high ceilings can have its uses, but the churches are designed for one use and that's

religious, so they aren't an easy proposition in terms of converting them for residential use," Reensterna said. "They are expensive and there is a lack of community acceptance. There's a kind of aversion to living in a building that was once a church."

But that aversion isn't overwhelming, and the draw of stained glass, stonework and moldings can translate into pricey apartments, Reensterna said.

"Every one of these churches will have a market in terms of some residential developer because the demand is just so strong," he said.

Archbishop Sean O'Malley announced the closures in May in the midst of a financial crisis caused in part by settlements in the clergy sex abuse crisis. He said declining Mass attendance, a shortage of young people who plan to convert the churches to support struggling parishes — many with older buildings in desperate need of repairs — added to the crisis.

The Rev. Christopher Coyne, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said there will be open bidding for the properties, which are scattered from Rockport to Plymouth, but the archdiocese will try to find buyers who plan to convert the churches to uses consistent with the church's mission.

"It's not always accepting the highest offer," Coyne said.

Rocking teens with a message of faith

BY BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

I conducted a focus group last weekend while taking a vanload of teens to an event called Slopfest. It was a messy, unfocused group but it answered the question I posed: What bands rock but still out a good message for teens?

The question popped up when a mother asked what artists I'd recommend to a junior high girl who likes the energetic Christian "punk" music of Relient K. I asked the teens their thoughts. Here's an alphabetical rundown of the results, with a few personal comments on recent releases:

■ **Audio Adrenaline.** These guys have been rockin' for more than a decade and are just getting better. Their latest CD, "Worldwide," won the Grammy for Christian rock earlier this year. Without a doubt, it deserved the honor. Many of the band's songs focus on a call to take action — in the church, in society, in missions — and that's a theme that energizes teens. (www.audio.com)

■ **Everyday Sunday.** This is a group of young guys who turned out a great debut CD, "Stand Up." The band's second CD, "Anthems for the Imperfect," just came out. The energetic music is very faith-based but also addresses a lot of teen concerns. That's a plus but the balance was tipped when we saw them at last year's Slopfest and the girls fell for lead singer Peter Pearson. (www.everydaysunday.com)

■ **FM Static.** This group is basically the alternative rock band Thousand Foot Krutch in a different incarnation. The band has released only one CD — "What Are You Waiting For?" — but it was one of the best of 2003. It offers plenty of songs about relationships and other high school concerns but also has some great faith-based songs. One of the great things about this band's Web site is that you can listen to full-length versions of all of the

songs from the CD. (www.fmstatic.com)

■ **Relient K.** Frontman Matt Thiessen has an odd and ornery sense of humor that comes through in much of the band's music. That's a major plus with the teens I know. The lyrics tend to focus more on teen and college concerns than on faith issues but each of these concerns is tackled from a Christian perspective. Re-

lient K's last two CDs — "Two Lefts Don't Make a Right" and "But Three Do" — and "The Anatomy of the Tongue in Cheek" are packed with great music with a fun — but solid — message. (www.relientk.com)

■ **Sanctus Real.** Cute guys, good music — enough said for the girls. On the CD "Say It Loud," the title track and "Audience of One" really rock. These guys also have a new CD coming out this month. (www.sanctusreal.com)

■ **Supercircus!** This band squares at teens and its songs have been picked up for a number of mainstream soundtracks and commercials. ("One Girl Revolution" from the movie "Legally Blonde" is the most widely known.) Lyrics cover relationships, anxiety, faith and other teen concerns, often seriously but frequently with a good dose of fun. My favorite CD is "Last One Picked" but "Karaoke Superstar" runs a close second. (www.supercircusonline.com)

■ **ZoeGirl.** These three women started as a pop group with a strong inclination toward dance rhythms. Those songs sounded great four years ago but seem a bit dated now. The band's latest CD, "Different Kind of Free," is a step toward rock but still has a lot of pop influences. The disc is pretty good, but I suspect ZoeGirl will get even better if the band continues in this line. (www.zoegirlonline.com)

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It appears twice a month on the Religion page.

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Sam's Club selling 'Passion' in bulk

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Mainstream retailer Sam's Club is offering 50-copy "church packs" of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" in a twist in the way it's selling to religious groups.

Advance sales for the film's Aug. 31 release on DVD and video cassette already have exceeded expectations for the retailer, the warehouse club division of Wal-Mart Stores.

The club is selling 50 DVDs in a pack for \$898, a rate of \$17.96 apiece, and 50 videocassettes for \$795, a rate of \$15.90 apiece.

Report: Faith-driven abuses not so common

VATICAN CITY — Torture, burning at the stake and other punishment for the faithful condemned as witches or heretics by church tribunals during the centuries-long Inquisition was not as widespread as commonly believed, the Vatican said Tuesday.

Research findings into the dark era in church history were praised by Pope John Paul II as part of his efforts to identify wrongs it had committed.

During the Catholic Church's millennium celebrations in 2000, the pope apologized for the sins of Catholics made in the name of their faith throughout the ages, including such abuses as those committed during the Inquisition, a systematic crackdown by Church officials in defense of doctrinal orthodoxy.

From The Associated Press

Sunday Horoscope

Happy Father's Day. The sun moves into Cancer, where it will be until July 22. During this period, much of our attention goes to domestic issues. We discover what would make our home sweeter, certainly in terms of the physical aspects but also in regards to the relationships built there. Love affairs are made clear during this time.

Joyce Jilson

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 20). You're not only driven — you know exactly who you want this year. The next several weeks are fabulous for your love life, and when you're happy, you do better at work as well.

Employment seekers find a premium situation in August. Family is generous with you this fall — loved ones are surprisingly willing to grow. Lucky love signs are Pisces and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get fresh air and exercise — you need it. If you can entertain at home, it's great for your personal life.

Charming new people. Social. Stylish touches win positive domestic notices are now affordable — shop.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Daring moves improve your personal life.

Call the one on your mind, and end the limbo you both are in. Someone you helped in the past repays you, just in time for you to repay someone else. Redecorate to improve your mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have plenty of energy, so get tedious business out of the way early. A wave of uncharacteristic impatience may come over you. Brain process information at high speeds — avoid interrupting a slow speaker.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A romantic encounter could turn into an adventure. Travel and getting lost are surprising. Bring a guide. Social happenings are lively. Give company your undivided attention rather than trying to impress them with stories.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Regarding those personal goals: Ask a reliable friend to check back with

you and make sure you're doing what you said you would. An important communication matter needs to be resolved. Go in with your defenses down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A romance is in danger of proceeding too quickly — pull back. Slow progress is ultimately more fulfilling.

Family gatherings are featured. You don't need to talk up your accomplishments — an attitude of success says it all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Very satisfying to finally work out an important relationship issue — it all goes smoothly if you have the guts to say what you mean and mean what you say. Bonus: You'll find lost possessions while cleaning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a lot on your mind, but do allow yourself to be distracted from your original plan. More socializing and less looking for love gives you the right attitude to attract just the love you're not looking for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Include as many people as you can in the fun, since you get energy from a group or, better yet, a crowd. A flirtation gets more exciting. You'll enjoy it if you can share the play by play with a trusted friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The bigger the idea, the more likely you are to make it real. Having a backup plan could save you from repeating a past mistake. You could get an offer that is simply too little too late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relieve romantic commitment, or be brave enough to step out on your own. Your desires and expectations are changing, so don't be surprised if you do something that is very uncharacteristic of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone else's loss is your gain. You've got the momentum of a positive string of events affecting your personal life. Make the most of this. Send a love letter, if that's what it takes. Problem solving is your specialty.

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Brits 'whinge,' Americans 'whine'

One publication I read regularly, a U.S. edition of a British magazine, frequently uses the word "whinge." I assume it's British English for "whine," but I'd like to know or sure. And how is it pronounced?

"Whinge" (pronounced to rhyme with "hinge") does mean "whine," and it is British. And it's not merely a British variant, but a different word with a different history.

In Middle English, "whinge" was "whingen," a northern dialect version of the Old English word "hwinsian." "Whingen" and "hwinsian" were verbs used to mean "to wail or moan discontentedly," a sense applicable to animals as well as people.

In the 13th century, by which time "hwinsian" had become Middle English "hwine," it meant "to wail distressfully," but the emphasis was still more on the sound of the wailing than on the distress. Not until the 16th century could "whine" mean simply "to complain," a sense in which the whining tone was implied if not required. And today, "whine," "whinge" carries two meanings, one denoting only the making of the sound ("a whining bubble"), the other retaining the complaining peevishness ("stop your whining").

"Whinge," meanwhile, has retained its original sense of "to wail or complain," with the emphasis somewhat stronger on the discontent behind the complaint than on its tone.

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Remembering Dad's wisdom on Father's Day and every day

Dear Abby: My dad, Alvin Hennerberg, who is now 78, is a retired farmer living in Nebraska. He and my mom, Elaine, have been married for 50 years. A few years ago, as I reflected upon his role in my life, I realized what a strong role model he has been throughout his daily ritual and work. Even though I didn't grow up to be a farmer, what he taught me has translated into how I conduct my daily life.

I put some of the lessons I learned from him in writing and gave it to him for his birthday.

I suspect many sons and daughters have similar sentiments about their dads on this Father's Day. There may be sons and daughters who would enjoy reading them, passing them along to their fathers, and telling them that they, too, learned important life lessons that only a dad can teach.

—Gary Hennerberg, Elgin, Texas

Dear Gary: The wisdom you learned from your father is classic and deserves to be shared. You have done him proud.

Dear Abby



Read on:

What I Learned From You

Make Hay While the Sun Shines. When it's sunny and the forecast is good, bring out the equipment and take advantage of the circumstances of the day. Not every day is sunny, and not every day in life brings opportunity. I learned from you that when times are good we should make the most of them.

Sharpen Tools on a Rainy Day. When it rained and we couldn't go to the field, we used our time wisely by sharpening our tools, doing maintenance, or other tasks that would give us a jump start on the season. I learned from you that rainy days are actually a gift from God to refresh, renew and make us better.

Keep Machines Cleaned and Maintained. We washed the equipment and conducted routine maintenance as an automatic ritual. It made them look years newer than their actual age, and cost less to operate in the long run. That attitude you instilled in me continues to this day. I take care of my belongings and treat

them with respect.

Stay Between the Lines. A clear line requires staying between the rows when cultivating it. When you stray outside the rows, you'll needlessly destroy precious crops. I stay within the lines in my personal life and do what's right for my business associates. I learned from you to be careful not to do anything that would destroy what we cultivate.

Take the High Road. An improper act shouldn't result in an improper response. Before I take the high road and be able to hold your head up, knowing you did the right thing. I learned from you that often the best response is silence, and that good fortune results when you treat people with respect.

Go to Church Every Sunday and Trust God. We did it. It's a lifelong habit you instilled in me. It has reinforced in me the real priorities of life and family. And, equally important, it has given me the freedom to know that at the end of the day, and at the end of time, everything will be all right.

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WWII Memorial is tribute to both veterans and fathers

Dear Readers: Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father-figures around the world. Here's a little poem that was sent to us. We do not know the author, but we thought it expressed a loving sentiment. Enjoy:

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring.

The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it to us... Dad

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "Feeling Forgotten," whose husband never could remember special

occasions.

For seven years, I was married to a man who always came home with gifts and showered me on holidays, but it wasn't enough to make him a good husband. We divorced six years ago, and I have watched this man neglect his duties as a father to his 10-year-old daughter. Meanwhile, I married "Alan." Alan

can never remember so much as a card on my birthday, but I wouldn't trade him for the world. While my ex uses his money to take fancy vacations, my daughter and I know we can count on Alan. He is a perfect daddy in every way. He never forgets member holidays, but he never forgets Girl Scout meetings or school functions. I have yet to see him come home with a bundle of roses, but he never fails to hand over his paycheck so we can meet our bills. He is honest, joyful and faithful to me and my daughter. I wouldn't change a thing.

—Feeling Loved in Kansas
Dear Kansas: What a wonderful tribute to your husband, and how appropriate for him to see it on Father's Day. We're betting it will make his day.

Dear Annie: The National World War II Memorial was

recently dedicated in Washington, D.C. Please tell your readers that they can add their loved one's name, whether alive or deceased, to the registry by going online at www.wwiiemorial.com. I sent information and a picture to my dad, and it makes me so proud to go to the site and see the page on my father.

I would like to say thanks to the veterans of WWII — and all of our vets. — B.

Dear B: Thank you for mentioning the World War II Memorial and the Registry of Remembrances, an individual listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort. Any U.S. citizen who helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, male or female, is eligible for the Registry.

You can register your information at the Registry of Remembrances, or write to the National World War II Memorial, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 201, Arlington, VA 22201. If you know any veterans who do not have access to the Internet, please offer to help enter the information so their memories can be preserved as part of the World War II Memorial.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Wary GIs need a hand The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee

U.S. war planners' miscalculations continue to exact their costs. Senior officials have insisted from the outset that there was no shortage of troops to cope with the postwar insurgency in Iraq, and that if commanders ask for more troops they will get them — knowing that commanders wouldn't ask for what their civilian bosses are disinclined to provide. Now the Army has admitted that it's overstretched. Many soldiers, both active-duty and reservist, are being required to extend their tours if their units are to be redeployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. In many cases that means an enforced delay of their scheduled separation from what is officially an all-volunteer army.

What's done is done, but now thousands of young Americans must endure the rigors of front-line duty for as long as they're needed.

In the meantime, those — especially in Congress — who have faulted the administration for asking too much of too few should press for serious redeployments, but not election year-inspired calls for expanding the Army.

Name of right approach: Wait Erie (Pa.) Times-News

Ronald Reagan would no doubt find the politicians' rush to name various objects after him unseemly and embarrassing. Reagan was, naturally, more an aw-shucks, Jimmy Stewart president — that's one reason people liked him. So in the wake of President Reagan's death and subsequent outpouring of affection, Congress must choose Reagan commemorations wisely and cautiously.

Reagan's name already appears on an airplane carrier. The ship received his name while he was living, an extraordinary honor. The Washington airport favored by government officials bears Reagan's name. Within walking distance of the Capitol and White House is the Reagan International Trade Center, a huge monument if ever there was one. There's even a Mount Reagan in Hampshire. So it is not as if Reagan will be forgotten. Americans have time to think about a decent, proper commemoration of the 40th president.

No one must rush to decide. If Congress rushes to commemorate, after a few years' time they will find themselves with kitschy and unseemly reminders. Let the nation take the advice given to a grieving spouse: Do nothing for a year.

Don't rock the establishment South Florida (Fort Lauderdale) Sun Sentinel

The "establishment clause" of the U.S. Constitution is a vital pillar of American democracy.

It prohibits government from establishing a state religion, which history has shown invariably results in oppression.

To argue the First Amendment also prohibits the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, however, is stretching constitutional reasoning into the realm of the absurd.

In a decision that will satisfy no one, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday dodged the question of the constitutionality of the pledge by ruling the person who brought suit in order to ban its recitation from his daughter's school and other public schools did not have standing to do so.

The nation has "In God We Trust" emblazoned on its money and the Supreme Court

...AND TO
THE REPUBLIC
FOR WHICH
IT STANDS
ONE NATION--



ARTIST: K. TROUD, COTR

opens its sessions with the words, "God save the United States and this honorable court."

These references to God, and the reference in the pledge, certainly don't constitute or even foster the establishment of a state religion or jeopardize the principle of separation of church and state. The mention of God is quite benign, and certainly not unconstitutional.

Heard enough from Enron The Press & Sun Bulletin, Binghamton, N.Y.

Snuggles and selfishness are not uncommon in today's society. Indeed, they are manifest in the ways Americans drive and behave — but still it's chilling to hear people openly mock the suffering of others.

And it's infuriating to hear those same people boast and laugh about causing that suffering. Such casual cruelty is disgusting and disheartening. Is this what America has come to? This isn't about military guards in a war zone. It's about highly paid Americans in comfortable work places gloating over a crisis they helped create. It's about the obscenity-filled tapes of Enron energy traders recorded during the West Coast power crisis.

The Justice Department reportedly has thousands of hours of this kind, and only a fraction of which has been aired. Now some members of Congress say they want all the tapes released.

That's probably a good idea, but what little we've already heard is discouraging enough. It's still possible to conduct business honorably, and many companies do, but the fear is that this isn't isolated behavior — that there are others out there right now, gouging and gloating. And mocking the whole notion of integrity.

No faith in Republican tactics Star Tribune of Minneapolis

Since Republicans won a majority in both houses of Congress in 2001, a handful of GOP leaders have shown an audacious and appalling tendency to use the tools of government to maintain their hold on political power.

First came a flagrant gerrymandering project that would have given Republicans a lock on congressional races in Texas, then an effort to dilute enforcement of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law by the Federal Election Commission. The lat-



est tactic is a disturbing effort to change the federal tax code and enlist hundreds of Protestant churches into the Bush re-election campaign.

Churches, educational groups and charities enjoy tax-exempt status precisely because they perform work on behalf of the broad public interest — whether it be feeding the hungry or housing the homeless. Using churches for overt political activity is quite another matter. It could convert a house of worship into a tax shelter for political contributions and, in effect, use one taxpayer's money to support the political candidate of another.

Dismissing the wall between worship and politics is a threat both to the idea of secular American government and freedom of religious expression, and leaders of the U.S. House should know better.

Bush worked great with G-8 The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C.

The international summit on Sea Island, Ga., almost came off well enough to restore one's faith in these annual get-togethers.

The world's leaders took off their ties, relaxed on sandy beaches, made some big decisions, and left still talking to each other. In today's fractious world, these are no small achievements.

Credit George W. Bush. The president's relentlessly upbeat approach to such seemingly intractable problems as Iraq, Middle East democracy and AIDS set the tone for the meeting. The president's re-election campaign must have been thrilled with the photo opportunities showing harmony among world leaders on the subject of Iraq independence, given the charge from contender John Kerry that Bush has failed to obtain world support for his policies.

Last call for ladies night? The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

In a classic case of a solution without a problem, the state of New Jersey has taken action to rescue the drinking public from that grievous injustice known as ladies night.

The state's Civil Rights Division ruled recently in favor of a man who complained that the common promotional gimmick amounts to gender discrimination.

The Coastline Inn in Jersey Hill offers special deals to women once a week. The \$5 cover charge is waived, and drinks are cheaper for women.

--UNDER GOD--



If anyone is going to criticize ladies nights, it should be feminists. Advertising cheap drinks for women also draws men who like the idea of being around lots of women who are drinking.

The Coastline's owner acknowledged as much when he declared that 70 percent of his ladies night patrons are men.

What better argument could there be that ladies night doesn't hurt men?

System still spared Nichols Detroit Free Press

It was mildly surprising and no doubt exciting to some of the victims' families that an Oklahoma jury refused (on June 11) to sentence Michigan native Terry Nichols to death for his role in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

The relatives will have to settle for accountability and the knowledge that Nichols, who will be sentenced in August, will never again draw breath as a free man. He already is serving a life sentence for his federal court conviction in the bombing.

Nichols' partner in terror, Timothy McVeigh, who detonated the truck bomb that killed 168 people, was executed in 2001.

But the federal and state juries, while agreeing that Nichols was part of the terrible bombing plot and surely could have done something to stop McVeigh, seen swayed by the fact that he was miles away, in Kansas, when McVeigh acted. The bombing, the worst act of terror on American soil until the 9/11 events, killed 168 people, 19 of them children in a day care center. McVeigh, a disaffected veteran of the first Gulf War, described the children as "collateral damage."

Nichols, who met McVeigh in the Army, has remained silent in his own defense. In a book published before his death, McVeigh tried to minimize Nichols' role, but evidence showed that while he may not have known exactly what McVeigh was going to do, Nichols helped assemble the truck bomb and stash a getaway car in Oklahoma City.

The state of Oklahoma brought its case against him with execution in mind, arguing for the death penalty as ultimate justice for still-grieving families. Two juries have now said otherwise. There's no small irony in the fact that the government system for which Nichols shared McVeigh's contempt produced a verdict that spared his life.

Gay marriage wins

MN NEW YORK MILLS — A New York man who argued in favor of same-sex marriages won the Great American Think-Off.

"I feel that same-sex marriages should be allowed because we all benefit when no one is excluded," said Robert Lerose, 44, a writer from Uniondale, N.Y.

In addition, he said, that when gays are allowed to marry "they will only strengthen the bonds between themselves and their communities and that can only be good for our country."

Lerose won the title of America's Greatest Thinker and \$500 when an audience of about 400 chose his argument over three others, including two who argued against gay marriage and another contestant who spoke in favor of it.

The Think-Off bills itself as a way for ordinary people to express their opinions on some of life's weightier questions in essays of 750 words or less.

Embassy notification

IL CHICAGO — The state child welfare agency agreed to notify the Mexican Consulate when it begins any abuse or neglect investigation that involves a Mexican citizen.

The agreement was updated in response to cases in which immigrant parents said they lost custody of their children because they didn't understand their rights or investigators' questions, officials said.

Every Hispanic parent contacted by a Department of Children of Family Services investigator also got bilingual brochures explaining that they have the right to contact consulate attorneys for help.

Calif. kids can't vote

CA SACRAMENTO — California lawmakers rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would have lowered the voting age.

Under the measure, 17-year-olds turning 18 by the general election would have allowed to vote in primary elections.

The proposal, by Democratic Assemblyman Gene Mullin, aims to encourage voting among adults ages 18 to 24, who have the lowest voter turnout of all age groups.

The bill fell eight votes shy of gathering the necessary two-thirds majority in the Assembly that would let voters decide the issue.

Only about 16 percent of the youngest eligible voters took part in the last election, Mullin said, calling that a "disturbing and dangerous trend."

"I really do believe that if you get high school students interested, they will register, they will vote and they'll become active participants," said Mullin, who has been a high school government teacher for 32 years.

Record-setting poker

CT HARTFORD — You can reasonably bet that Larry



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Olmsted is pretty sick of seven-card stud.

The Vermont native sat at a poker table at Foxwoods Resort Casino at Mashantucket at 1:22 p.m. and remained there for the next 72 hours, taking occasional bathroom breaks but never leaving the poker area.

Olmsted's feat was intended to set the record for the longest casino poker session, one that has yet to be certified by Guinness World Records to become official.

"It's not for the girls, and not the money. It's for the glory," Olmsted said.

Under Guinness rules, Olmsted, 38, was required to play at least every hand, except for one 15 minute break every eight hours.

He sat down with \$100 in poker chips and ended with around \$1,000 in winnings, although he gave most of it away in tips to the Foxwoods staff. He played seven-card stud, with a 50 cent ante and a \$1 forced bet with a \$5 max.

TB-exposed teens

TX ALICE — Up to 150 South Texas high school students were being tested for tuberculosis because they may have been exposed to the airborne disease during a field trip.

The Alice students came in contact with a person with active tuberculosis during an April 30 trip to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, Texas Department of Health

spokesman Doug McBride said last week in the Corpus Christi Call-Times.

He would not disclose the person's identity but said the exposure did not occur at the park.

At last report, no one had tested positive for the disease, McBride said.

Between 100 and 150 students, eight teachers and several chaperones traveled on three buses to San Antonio, Alice High School principal Amy Koening said. They spent the night at a San Antonio hotel and returned home on May 1.

Honey, I lost the bees

MT BOZEMAN — A tractor-trailer overturned on a curve on a highway, spilling its load of hundreds of beehives and unleashing some 9 million angry honey bees.

The bees buzzed furiously as driver Lane Miller, his arm scraped to the bone, struggled to flee his rig after it overturned in Bear Trap Canyon west of Bozeman. The truck slid across the highway before coming to a stop between guardrails.

Miller, 41, walked away from the crash, and two people picked him up and took him to the hospital. Miller underwent surgery on his arm and suffered bruises and about 20 stings.

The state road was closed for 14 hours as crews and beekeepers cleaned up the 512 hives Miller was hauling from Idaho to North Dakota.

Embezzler to pay

VA MANASSAS — Lisa Bailey embezzled more than \$109,000 from the Prince William County Soil and Water District, and now she's paying her way out of a prison sentence.

But Bailey's bailout is no bribe; the judge is making her pay instead of putting her behind bars.

On Thursday, Judge LeRoy F. Millette sentenced Bailey to two months in jail, which she has already served, and said the district badly needs her \$800 in monthly restitution to meet its payroll.

"I think you're getting off way too easily and if you violate any of the terms of this restitution I'm going to put you back in prison," Millette said.

He ordered Bailey to pay the \$800 a month for nearly 10 years and placed her on probation for 10 years. She could have been sentenced to more than 19 years in prison.

Bailey admitted to forging checks and using district credit cards for personal items while working there in 2003. She pleaded guilty to the charges April 22.

Insurance law costly

CO DENVER — A change in the state's auto insurance law is costing local hospitals millions of dollars, officials say. Last year, lawmakers seeking to lower auto insurance premiums passed a bill eliminating requirements for personal injury protection. Now hospitals are providing more free care to thousands of accident victims without health insurance who also have no medical coverage from auto insurance.



A swinging good time While others wait for their turn, Charlie Rhodes, top, and Brent Blakeney, both 18, drop into the James River in Richmond, Va. About a dozen high school students, some of them recent graduates, gathered at the rope swing to cool off.



100 and counting Visitors walk through the rotunda of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The museum marked its 100th anniversary, and is one of the most popular attractions in the city, featuring a massive elephant called Henry.



Grounded gorilla After spending three months indoors, Fubu, a Western lowland gorilla, is released to the outdoor northern habitat at the Dallas Zoo. The gorilla underwent changes including new hot wire and placement of logs to be used as "gorilla speed bumps," after a gorilla at the zoo escaped the habitat March 18. The gorilla, called Jabari, was killed 40 minutes later by members of the Dallas Police SWAT Team.



Not his best shot

Jacob Vanitvelt, 8, of Grand Blanc, Mich., reacts to missing a putt on the 2nd green at Pierce Park Golf course in Flint, Mich. He was playing on the opening day of the annual Flint Golf Association tournament.



Where is Snoopy?

Three Red Baron Squadron fully-restored historic Boeing Stearman biplanes fly in formation above Providence, R.I. The Red Baron Squadron is in town to perform at the Rhode Island National Guard Air Show on Saturday and Sunday.



Road-weary traveler With Route 21 near Naples, N.Y., still closed because of major road damage by a rain storm three weeks ago, the highway made a nice place for this turtle to take a nap Thursday.



Splashed on

Left to right, R.C. Garcia, Miranda Trevizo and Joshua Lindley are sprayed with water as car drives through a puddle after a rain storm in Texico, N.M.

Fish free in Vermont

VT MAIDSTONE — The state opened its parks, fishing holes, and historic sites last weekend in an annual attempt to show more Vermonters the attractions available close by.

Free fishing was to include a fishing festival for children at the Ed Weed Fish Culture Station in Grand Isle, where children could catch a rainbow trout from a stocked pond.

All of the 46 Vermont state park day areas and the state's 10 historic sites were to be open for free on both days of the weekend.

The state offers the free admission to encourage people to visit the sites, said John Dumville, the chief of the historic sites.

About 500 people showed up for the fishing festival last year, said John Hall, a spokesman for the Fish and Wildlife Department. The free fishing day was open to Vermont residents and nonresidents alike.

Wild chickens born free

GA FITZGERALD — Leaders of this south Georgia town are in the midst of a simmering debate as divisive as any in the town's history — wild chickens.

The birds are believed to have descended from red junglefowl that were brought from Southeastern Asia in the 1960s in a failed attempt to provide a pheasantlike game bird for the South. Over the past six years, the population has exploded — well into the hundreds.

Anti-birders want elected leaders to do something about it. Fans of the fowl say the town shouldn't trap chickens but embrace them, maybe even passing an ordinance protecting them.

Both sides presented petitions to the town council.

Youth jail still a mess

HI HONOLULU — The state has done little to correct acknowledged crowding, unsanitary and abusive conditions at the state's youth prison, the American Civil Liberties Union said in asking Gov. Linda Lingle to take immediate action to alleviate the situation.

In a letter to Lingle, the ACLU of Hawaii also contends the Office of Youth Services has been uncooperative in working with the civil rights group to ease harsh living conditions at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility in Kaliula.

Lingle said she would review the ACLU's latest findings with her staff and take action if needed.

But she also joined First Deputy Attorney General Richard T. Bissen in saying the state has cooperated and taken immediate steps to address the concerns raised by the ACLU last August.

Robber takes birds

WI OSHKOSH — A foul robber has made off with a fowl haul.

Nine birds — including a screech owl that is blind in one eye, three ring-necked pheasants and five quail — were snatched by someone who broke into a local zoo's Wisconsin Native Bird Aviary.

Terry Steele, enrichment coordinator with the Oshkosh Zoological Society, said children he was teaching in a class noticed a hole cut in the wire screening at the aviary Monday morning.

"It's sad that anyone would do such a thing. It just seems malicious to me," Steele said.

Two cultures in the aviary were not taken.

It should cost less than \$200 to make repairs and replace the birds, except for the screech owl, said Carrie Hill, a zoo specialist.

Apology leads to arrest

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Being able to apologize is a virtue. But for one alleged thief, it became the quickest way to jail.

Police say Peter Shelley, 24, punched a convenience store clerk and stole a pack of cigarettes on June 6 after he refused to show the clerk his identification. But last week, police say Shelley returned to the gas station and apologized to the clerk — twice. The clerk called police, who caught Shelley in his car near a gas station and arrested him. Shelley was arrested and faces felony strong-armed robbery charges.

Whale recovering

TX HOUSTON — A whale that beached along the Texas Gulf coast, covered in shark bites and unable to recover in an above-ground pool and eating about 30 pounds of fish and squid a day, rescuers said.

The 8-foot-long, 310-pound melon-headed whale, named Memory for the Memorial Day weekend when it was found, could spend up to three months in recovery before being returned to the wild.

Melon-headed whales are deep-water creatures, rarely seen alone or near the Gulf coastline, and marine biologists were trying to determine what caused Memory to end up at High Island.

Fewer school districts

AR LITTLE ROCK — State education officials said Arkansas will have 52 fewer school districts when classes start this fall.

The districts were eliminated during mergers this spring under a new state law to help address an Arkansas Supreme Court ruling that the state's school system was unconstitutional.

As of July, Arkansas will have 256 school districts, instead of 308 school districts.

Missing alleged

LA NEW ORLEANS — The child support division of the Orleans Parish district attorney's office misspent about \$24,000 on holiday parties, birthday cakes, gifts for retirees, alcohol and other items, according to a state audit.

The questioned spending took place during the final two years of District Attorney Harry Conck's tenure. The state constitution prohibits spending public money on holiday parties and gifts for employees.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

Bringing home a paycheck

Understanding your military spouse's LES

Susie Besaw, from the book *"The Savvy Sailor's Spouse"*, is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new command. Last week Susie started to organize her plan.

I drove Maggie to the March Family Readiness Group meeting talking about her parents' vacation trip to Malaysia on the way. We also talked about the guest speaker from the Personnel Support Detachment, or PSD, who Maggie had met trying to work out an allotment problem. He was going to talk about military pay, income taxes and retirement pay.

Evelyn opened the meeting with an announcement: "We'll be having our spring social on April 10 and our social chair, Sammy Alexander, has requested volunteers to help with the event. Anybody interested?"

Maggie gently poked me in the ribs and whispered, "Go for it. You'll meet fun spouses. Besides, Sammy knows how to throw a great party."

I was reluctant for a couple seconds, but since Maggie had not let me down yet, I decided to raise my hand.

Then, a couple others did too. Look at that. I'm a trendsetter.

"Great," Evelyn said. "Talk to Sammy after the meeting."

After approving the minutes, the committee members gave their reports. We had a few unfinished business matters we resolved in 10 minutes. You could tell everyone was looking forward to hearing about finances.

"Since there is no new business," Evelyn said, "here's tonight's speaker, Petty Officer Ron Porch."

Petty Officer Porch was a burly man with a five o'clock shadow that probably showed up around noon. He wore a crisp, white uniform and circular wire rim glasses. Before he started, he handed out some papers.

"Good evening, everyone," Petty Officer Porch said. "Evelyn has asked me to talk tonight about the basics of your spouse's military finances, income taxes and military retirement pay. You can find all of your spouse's pay records at <http://mypy.dfas.mil>."

The LES shows your spouse's income and leave balance," he said. "Take time each month to look your spouse check it for mistakes and to confirm any rank or pay-status changes."

"I always check the personal information section to make sure the LES is mine and the month is correct. I also check the entitlements, deductions, allotments and summary sections to ensure they add up to my paycheck."

Remember, your spouse pays income tax on your base pay. Don't plan to spend all of it.

"Also, for your future reference, there are other kinds of military pay your spouse may receive that are also taxable, including: hazardous-duty pay — taxable unless received in a combat zone; skill-incentive pay such as foreign language proficiency pay; and career pay such as flight pay or sea pay."

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"Next, on your spouse's LES are some of the nicer perks of being in the service — tax-free food, housing and clothing allowances."

"The Basic Allowance for Subsistence, or BAS, helps offset the cost of meals. While your spouse is in active service, the Navy promises to feed them — but not their families."

"When your spouses were single, they were able to live in the barracks and eat in the galley or cafeteria. They received partial-BAS of \$25.80 a month. Now that they are married and moved out of the barracks, they do not rate free galley meals and start receiving full BAS of \$254.46 per month."

"The Navy will take care of you and your spouse's housing needs with the Basic Allowance for Housing, or BAH."

"When sailors are single and below the rank of E-6, they do not receive any BAH, and are required to live in the barracks. Once they are married, or promoted above E-5, they are given a choice to live in on-base housing or to be given BAH to live off-base."

"If there is no base housing available, you can ask to be put on a waiting list and your orders will be stamped 'no government quarters available' when you check-in. Then, you have to find some place off-base. You can find how much BAH you are entitled to at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html>."

"The amount of BAH you receive depends upon your rank, where you are living and whether you have a spouse or children. For example, the E-5 in San Diego with family members receives \$1,416 a month."

"Finally, if your spouse is enlisted, they'll receive a clothing replacement allowance, or CRA. The CRA allowance helps with the maintenance of your spouse's uniforms and is paid each year on the first of the month following the anniversary of their enlistment."

"Next on your spouse's LES are their deductions, or money taken out of their paycheck. The most common deductions are: taxes; repayment of advanced pay; Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, or SGLI; and any fines and forfeitures."

"After deductions, you'll see allotments. Allotments permit the Navy to send your money to somebody or someplace directly out of your pay."

"Finally, your LES includes a summary section to show the total of each section and your end-of-month pay."

"I hope my summary helps clear things up for all of you. Questions?"

A few people had personal finance questions and Petty Officer Porch suggested that many of them make appointments with their pay clerk at PSD.

Next week Petty Officer Porch talks about taxes.

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access to credit.

The Fed said Thursday that it plans to mail a letter to about 12,000 randomly selected small-business owners in which Fed Chairman Greenspan urges owners to participate and assures them their privacy would be protected.

The survey is being conducted for the Fed by NORC, a social science research organization at the University of Chicago.

Findings from the latest survey will be published in 2006. The last survey looked at small-business finances in 1998.

From wire reports

Small-business survey

WASHINGTON — Alan Greenspan wants small-business owners to take part in a Federal Reserve survey aimed at increasing policy-makers' understanding of how economic and regulatory changes affect their



Apple CEO Steve Jobs talks on stage Tuesday at the UK launch of Apple's iTunes music store in London, which coincides with the launches in France and Germany. The success of online music companies, such as iTunes, has inspired a new service that allows movie fans to rent videos by downloading them onto their computers.

Downloadable movies coming to computer near you

BY BENNY EVANGELISTA
San Francisco Chronicle

RealNetworks Inc., hoping to build on the momentum started by Internet music services such as iTunes, Napster and its own Rhapsody, now offers another form of online entertainment — downloadable movies.

The Seattle online media software company is teaming with premium cable television movie service Starz Encore Group LLC of Englewood, Colo., for a subscription service that lets movie fans rent films such as "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Finding Nemo" by downloading them to their computers.

The two companies started the service, called "Starz Ticket on Real Movies," this week. The service, which costs \$12.95 per month, is only available to PC users with high-speed Internet access.

The firms first announced plans for the service in December 2002. But executives said the timing hasn't been right until now, when broadband Internet access has spread to about 26 million U.S. homes.

And the success of licensed

music services such as Apple Computer's iTunes Music Store and RealNetworks' Rhapsody against free but unlicensed file-sharing networks such as Kazaa "show consumers are willing to pay for online content," said Richard Wolpert, RealNetwork's chief strategy officer.

The new service will offer a selection of at least 100 new major Hollywood movies and older films that are released to the home-video market at the same time as they are on the Starz cable channels, which reach about 23 million homes with digital cable. About 25 percent of the selection is replaced weekly with new films.

The movies, which are about 600 MB each and take an average of 20 minutes to download, are played back in "near-DVD quality" on the computer, Wolpert said. A movie like "Pirates of the Caribbean" takes longer to download because it takes up 700 MB of hard-drive space. Subscribers can download as many films as their computers can store. To prevent piracy, however, the movies can't be transferred out of the computer.

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Movies: Service will offer downloadable movies

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The new service will compete against two existing online movie services, Movielink LLC and CinemaNow Inc. Movielink, a joint venture of several big Hollywood studios, has attracted about 100,000 users per month for its service, which rents movies that can be downloaded individually for \$1.99 to \$5.99 each. Earlier this month the service began offering TV cartoon classics such as "Speed Racer." CinemaNow offers similar pay-per-download service and a subscription service that charges \$9.95 per month or \$49.95 per year.

But Wolpert said that unlike the other services, which have restrictions such as limiting playback of a movie to a 24- or 48-hour period, or requiring a continuous Internet connection, the Starz-RealNetworks will allow subscribers to watch new releases at unlimited number of times during the period they were available to Starz. For example, a newly released movie downloaded at the start of that period could be available for playback for a month and a half, he said.

Subscribers will also be able to watch movies shown on one of the Starz cable channels that will be streamed over the Internet.

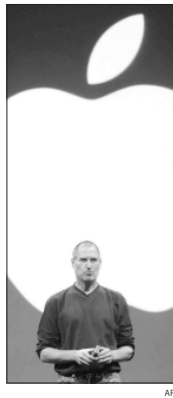
The online service is expected to find new customers who may not subscribe to the Starz cable offerings, said spokesman Tom Southwick.

The service is expected to initially attract fans who download films into laptops "and watch in the car or on airplanes," Southwick said.

"That's not something you can do currently with cable."

The service could also compete with Netflix Inc., the Los Gatos, Calif., firm that has attracted more than 2 million subscribers. For a monthly fee, Netflix subscribers can select a selection of DVD movies online and the discs are sent and returned by mail. Like Netflix, the Starz-RealNetworks allows unlimited viewing and has no late-return fees, but eliminates the need to mail a disc, Wolpert said.

Mike McGuire, media research director at GartnerG2, a division of Stamford, Conn.-based Gartner Inc. that provides research on technology issues, said it's too early to tell whether the subscription or pay-per-download methods will succeed. But he said the new Starz-RealNetworks service is a "pretty interesting step forward" in the delivery of digital entertainment over the Internet and could be a bellwether for future services.



Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO, talks Tuesday about the launch of Apple's iTunes Music Store in London. iTunes' success against music piracy shows "consumers are willing to pay for online content," said Richard Wolpert, RealNetwork's chief strategy officer.

Discipline best financial defense

Q: The past 18 months have been extremely difficult financially, and I have had to use overdraft protection repeatedly.

A: Each time I use it, I am charged \$22. This has truly snowballed on me. I paid over \$4,000 in overdraft fees last year.

A: These charges make it impossible to start becoming solvent again.

The local bank is not much help. Can you please tell me who I go to with this problem?

A: Try your nearest mirror.

The way to deal with tough financial times isn't by kicking checks. Overdraft protection is meant to prevent you from the occasional mistake that might otherwise result in a bounced check. You're using it to live beyond your means.

Unfortunately, some banks encourage this approach by suggesting their customers use overdraft protection as a line of credit. But as you've seen, this is an extremely expensive way to borrow.

You need to cut your expenses to the absolute bone and start living on cash — not credit cards.

not checks, not debit cards. You need to see exactly what you're spending and where. If you truly can't make it on your current income, you need to look for ways to boost your pay or check with your local social services office to see what resources are available: food stamps, food banks, help with housing.

The solution to over-spending is learning how to live within your means — not finding ways to paper over the problem with bad checks.

Q: In a recent article, you discussed the estate tax exclusion, which is scheduled to rise to \$3.5 million before disappearing altogether for one year in 2010. Could you explain what will happen in 2011 and after?

A: Right now, the estate tax exclusion, which is the amount that can be passed to heirs free of federal estate taxes, is scheduled to return to the \$1 million mark in 2011.

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THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES					
52-week High	Low	Last	Net Chg	% YTD 52-week High	
10,553.61	8,917.10	Dow Jones Industrials	10,377.52	-2.86	+11.25
3,099.07	2,352.87	Dow Jones Transportation	3,059.99	+75	+0.2
283.45	225.46	S&P 500	278.41	+1.7	+0.2
6,798.12	5,438.77	NASDAQ Composite	6,455.01	+105.4	+1.6
1,278.81	938.73	Nasdaq Index	1,211.84	+55.4	+2.5
2,062.92	1,598.25	Nasdaq Composite	1,983.67	+14.56	+1.2
1,563.23	960.84	Amex Index	1,132.05	-1.51	-1.1
4,715.98	3,471.98	S&P MidCap	3,994.44	-4.2	-0.1
596.42	432.29	Russell 2000	589.57	-50	-9.9
11,371.14	8,237.46	DJ Wilshire 2000	11,012.32	-12.25	-1.1

NYSE					AMEX					NASDAQ				
Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg		Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg		Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
GenCorp	309354	32.26	+	25	SPDR	270131	113.83			Granicus	601338	3.98	-	85
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KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Alliant Technology	40	35.40	-1.80	-4.1
United Technologies	120	115.00	-4.00	-3.3
United Technologies	120	115.00	-4.00	-3.3
United Technologies	120	115.00	-4.00	-3.3
United Technologies	120	115.00	-4.00	-3.3
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United Technologies	120	115.00	-4.00	-3.3
United Technologies	120	115.00	-4.00	-3.3
United Technologies	120	115.00	-4.00	-3.3

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Fidelity Investor: Growth	36.30	36.30	-0.12	-0.3
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PRECIOUS METALS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Gold	538.90	538.90	0.00	0.0
Silver	56.92	56.92	0.00	0.0
Gold	538.90	538.90	0.00	0.0
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Gold	538.90	538.90	0.00	0.0
Silver	56.92	56.92	0.00	0.0

INTEREST RATES				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Prime rate	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.0
Discount rate	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.0
Federal funds market rate	1.25	1.25	0.00	0.0
3-month bill	1.26	1.26	0.00	0.0
30-year bond	5.25	5.25	0.00	0.0
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3-month bill	1.26	1.26	0.00	0.0
30-year bond	5.25	5.25	0.00	0.0

DISCOVER YOUR FIRST COMMAND				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Discover	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.0
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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Japanese yen (June 19)	107.90	107.90	0.00	0.0
S. Korean won (June 18)	11,250.00	11,250.00	0.00	0.0
British pound	1.5188	1.5188	0.00	0.0
Commercial rates				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Bahrain (Dinar)	4.7750	4.7750	0.00	0.0
British pound	1.5188	1.5188	0.00	0.0
Canada (Dollar)	1.3731	1.3731	0.00	0.0
Denmark (Krone)	6.164	6.164	0.00	0.0
Euro	0.618	0.618	0.00	0.0
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.51263	1.51263	0.00	0.0
Hungary (Forint)	21.24	21.24	0.00	0.0
Indonesia (Rupiah)	1,779.8	1,779.8	0.00	0.0
Israel (Shekel)	1.0948	1.0948	0.00	0.0
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2587	0.2587	0.00	0.0
Norway (Krone)	6.9103	6.9103	0.00	0.0
Philippines (Peso)	56.32	56.32	0.00	0.0
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.7901	1.7901	0.00	0.0
Singapore (Dollar)	1.717	1.717	0.00	0.0
S. Korea (Won)	1,156.90	1,156.90	0.00	0.0
Switzerland (Franc)	0.748	0.748	0.00	0.0
Thailand (Baht)	4.9527	4.9527	0.00	0.0

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are inter-bank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Gold	538.90	538.90	0.00	0.0
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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Prime rate	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.0
Discount rate	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.0
Federal funds market rate	1.25	1.25	0.00	0.0
3-month bill	1.26	1.26	0.00	0.0
30-year bond	5.25	5.25	0.00	0.0
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DISCOVER YOUR FIRST COMMAND				
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Discover	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.0
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STRIPES CLASSIFIED

Autos for Sale	
- Okinawa	152

Selling for \$2000.00 OBO. Call 646-6010 (H) or 641-3859 (H).

1999 Toyota Corina ED, 4-door, automatic, power locks, power windows, 100,000 miles, AM/FM radio. JCI until June 2005, runs great, available immediately, \$1,700.00. Call 642-2414 or email, john_e_lee_2005@yahoo.com

1999 Toyota Crown Ase JCI 100,000 miles. 2005, runs excellently with great A/C, power locks and windows, sunroof and newer tires. \$2,500.00 OBO. Call 633-3181.

1998 Toyota Camry 4 door, runs great and very fast. Ask for Chad. minksoe@ok1010.med.nyu.edu or 938-7400 (W) or 938-7877-5456.

1998 Toyota Lite Ase 4 wheel drive, van, brown, 112km, cool A/C, automatic, great condition. \$1000.00. Call 633-3238 or 920-4222-9272.

91 Nissan Bluebird - Excellent condition, cold A/C, well maintained, 100,000 miles, power windows, CD player. Available 26 June. \$800.00 OBO. Call Angela 633-9814 or 930-9785-8217.

Autos for Sale	
- Okinawa	152

91 Nissan Bluebird - Excellent condition, cold A/C, well maintained, non-smoker, tinted power windows, CD player. Available 26 June. \$800.00 OBO. Call Angela 633-9804 or 090-9785-8217

Cars for Sale		
Okinawa	152	

only fit thru east side garage doorway. 75s OBO, 35s fence good condition 350.00 OBO
227-7322

Okinawa - Available Now!
Entertainment Center, Mtg B
Saunders. Purchased at furniture mart in 2000. Moving, must sell only \$150.00, paid \$299.00
Excellent shape, Capri, 1988
Kinsler Towers, Calif. (H)
\$37-2296 leave message

Okinawa - Computer Desk with built-in CD/DVD holder, and good condition. Selling to good price. Call Greg at 633-6242.

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thru east side garden
way, \$75 OBO, 35' fence
condition 350.00 OBO
7322

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100. Call Greg at 633-6242.

Furniture	510
China	510

Call 622-7794, 98-931-1400.
 mail raynjen@tree.cdn.ne.jp

Pinakawa - Table for child's room.
 Very cute (wood). Table com-
 ing with bench and chair. Colors
 mostly purple and pink. C-
 833-8280, 090-3797-9962
 mail robnmyr@kda.atml.ne.jp

Pinakawa - White Resin Bench/Chair
 set. Fold over to make a picnic
 table, new still sealed in original
 box, purchased for \$70.00 each.
 Just sell to reduce weight for
 U.S. move, will sell for \$60.00
 each or both for \$115. Call G
 633-6242.

Home Electronics 570

Instruction **580**

Jobs Offered _____ |

Yongsan, Korea - YOUR large breed SWEETEST DOG/pup NEEDS BOARDING while you are on vacation/TDY? A family in Yongsan might help you AFTER JUNE 25. Contact Lisa DSN 738 4276 or lkseonyongsan@yahoo.com

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find a house where you're PCSing,
in Saturday's Relocation Guide.

STARS & STRIPES

JAPAN TV (BILINGUAL, SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC)

SUN, JUNE 20

Morning

5:30 PGA Tour: U.S. Open (10/1ve)
10:30:20:20 Trophy "Shogi" (Japanese chess) Tournament (3)

Afternoon

12:30 Net. Trophy "Go" Tournament (3)
1:30 Japan Pro Ball: Ori BlueWave vs. Osaka Kintetsu Buffaloes (1)

2:00 PGA Tour: U.S. Open - 3rd Round (10/1ve)
3:00:20:20 Final Round (4)

3:30:20:20 Mandam Layuki Yomiuri Golf: Final Round (10/1ve)
4:30:20:20 Apta Circle K Surukus Ladies Golf: Final Round (10/1ve)

5:30 Auto Racing: Japan GT Championship (12)

Evening

6:00:20:20 College Football: Ivy-Summit Bowl - Bulldogs vs. Crimson (42)
7:00:20:20 News (1)

7:30 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Hanshin Tigers (4)
8:55 PGA Tour: Madeira Island Open Highlights (42)

9:00 Classical Music: NKH Symphony Orchestra - Brahms's Symphony No. 5 in F Major (Conductor: Takako Nishikawa) (3)

9:00 U.S. Movie (1999): Any Given Sun (1:54/20)

10:00 Classical Music: Boppy Argen-Sun Music Festival 2004/2003's Opera "Le Trovatore" at Theatre Musica De Paris (conductor: John Elliott Gardiner) (3)

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SUN, JUNE 20

Morning

7:40 U.S. Movie (1990): Stella (1:50)
8:30 U.S. Movie (2002): 10:00:20:20 Men Named George (1:30)

1:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Highlights (2:00 U.S. Movie) (2001): Collateral Damage (1:40)

2:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Latvia vs. Germany (1:40)

Evening
6:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Holland vs. Czech (1:40)

8:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Terminator 3: The Machine Wars (1:40)
10:00 U.S.-British Movie (2001): Mean Streets (1:40)

12:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Highlights (1:40)
1:30:20:20 Michael Moore's Awful Truth (3)

3:35 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Spain vs. Portugal (1:40)

MON, JUNE 21

10:00 Ultimate Fighting: Pride GP 2004 (1:40)
11:30 Friends (42)

5:50 F1 Grand Prix: The 9th Round, American GP (42)

2:10 Japan Pro Ball: Hokkaido Nippon Fighters vs. Seibu Lions (12)
5:30 PGA Tour: U.S. Open - Final Round (10/1ve)

TUE, JUNE 22

10:00 Ultimate Fighting: Pride GP 2004 (1:40)
11:30 Friends (42)

5:50 News (1)
12:15 Wimbledon Tennis 2004 (1)

7:00 News (1)
11:00 PGA Tour: U.S. Open - Final Round Highlights (10)

12:15 Wimbledon Tennis 2004 (1)
12:50 MLB Highlights (16)

1:50 U.S. Movie (1999): The Bachelor (1:59/40)
3:13 Star Trek: DS9 (8)

5:50 News (1)

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7:00 News (1)

7:30 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Chunichi Dragons (4)

7:25 What I Like About You (3)
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7:30:20:20 Experiment in Fear (1:50/12)

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7:00 NHK News (1)
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7:00 U.S. Movie (1999): Sleepy Hollow (2:00/12)

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2:40 CBS Documentary (6)
3:10 U.S. Movie (1980): Monkey Experiment in Fear (1:50/12)

3:35 U.S. Movie (2004): Quarterfinals - Teams To Be Decided (6)

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AM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN - KANTO

EAGLE 810
Morning (Sun)
 7:05 Religious Programming
 9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)
 12:00 American Country Countdown
 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion
Evening
 6:00 Focus on the Family
 6:30 Travel Radio
 7:00 Dr. Laura
 8:00 Beale Street Caravan
 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)
 12:00 Sports Overnight
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live (Tue-Fri)
 4:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)
 4:00 NPR Living on Earth (Mon)
Morning
 6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Top 40/Classic Rock)
 7:00 Pacific Report
 7:24 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
 7:58 Eagle 810 News
 8:30 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday)
 Yokota/USFI Chiefs' Corner (3rd Friday)
 10:00 Radio Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)
 12:00 Pacific Report
 12:21 Air Force Radio News
 12:23 Radio Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)
 12:30 Top 40 Music
 3:00 Traffic Jamz (Top 40/Classic Rock)
 3:30 Pacific Report
 4:07 AFN Sports Update
 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story
 4:17 Traffic Jamz (Top 40/Classic Rock)
Evening
 6:00 from the Bench Live Sports (Wed)
 6:00 NPR's Morning Edition (Wed)
 Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)
 8:00 Rush Limbaugh
 9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country
 10:00 Rush Limbaugh
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
 12:00 Sports Overnight
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live
Morning (Sat)
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE
 8:05 Car Talk
 9:00 Kim Komando
 12:00 Classic Rock
Afternoon
 12:00 Radio Deez Weekly Top 40
 4:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
Evening
 6:00 Hot Talk Saturday Night
 7:00 The Touch (Urban)
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 2:00 Sports Overnight America

4:00 Adult Contemporary
POWER 1575
Morning (Sun)
 7:00 NPR: All Things Considered
 8:00 Rush Limbaugh
 9:00 Parent's Journal
 9:00 Sports Table
 11:00 Sports Overnight America
Afternoon
 12:00 Adult Rock
 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
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Morning (Mon-Fri)
 6:00 Sports Overnight
 6:30 Paul Harvey News
 7:10 Horoscope
 7:30 Inside Wakuli Radio News
 8:30 Best of the Story
 8:35 David Letterman/Leno
 9:00 Country Call Up
 10:00 The Big AC/Golden Oldies (Fri)
 11:00 Urban Assault
Afternoon
 1:00 2-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri)
 2:00 The Afterburner
 2:30 Inside Wakuli Radio News
 2:34 Best of the Story
 2:36 Pacific Report
 3:30 Paul Harvey News
 3:40 AFN Sports Update
 4:00 Departure Time
Evening
 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air
 7:00 The Rock Show (Mon/old School)
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Afternoon
 12:00 American Country Countdown
 4:00 Top 40
 12:00 Beale Street Caravan
 6:00 Classic Rock
 9:00 2-Rock
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 12:00 Sports Hits
 2:00 Oldies
 5:00 Rush Limbaugh
 6:00 Morning Drive
 9:00 Country

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FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only)
2-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM
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National Public Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM
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The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM
Country 93.3 FM
Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM
Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM
National Public Radio
Morning (Sun)
 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 8:00 Hot Talk Saturday Night
 11:00 Piano Jazz
Afternoon
 12:00 Beethoven Network
 12:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 2:00 Dialogue
 2:30 Uncommon Knowledge
 3:00 The WMTF Jazz Network
 5:00 Jazz Profiles
Evening
 6:00 Walt, Wait Don't Tell Me
 6:00 A Prairie Home Companion
 9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday
 11:00 Justice Talking
 12:00 Fresh Air Weekend
 12:00 American Life
 2:00 Live Show with Harry Shearer
 3:00 on the Media
 4:00 NewsRadio

5:00 Weekly Edition
Morning (Mon)
 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 8:00 The WMTF Beethoven Network
Afternoon
 12:00 Car Talk
 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend
 2:30 The WMTF Jazz Network
Evening
 6:00 Morning Edition
 6:00 Morning Edition
 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)
 12:00 The Connection (call in)
 1:00 Fresh Air
 2:00 Walt, Wait Don't Tell Me
 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)
 5:00 All Things Considered
 7:00 The World
 8:00 Marketplace
 8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed) Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat)
Afternoon
 9:00 The WMTF Beethoven Network
Morning (Sat)
 3:00 The WMTF Jazz Network
Evening
 6:00 Morning Edition
 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)
 12:00 The Connection (call in)
 1:00 Fresh Air
 2:00 Walt, Wait Don't Tell Me (Tue) Beethoven Network (Thu) Car Talk (Fri) Dialogue Uncommon Knowledge (Sat)
 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)
 5:00 All Things Considered
Morning (Sat)
 7:00 The World

8:00 Marketplace
 8:30 Rewind
 9:00 The WMTF Beethoven Network
Afternoon
 1:00 All Things Considered
 3:00 The WMTF Jazz Network
 5:00 WMTF Jazz
 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock
 8:00 Rewind
 8:30 Says You
 9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday
 11:00 Car Talk (call in)
 12:00 Fresh Air
 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday
 3:00 Hot Talk Saturday Night
 5:00 National Press Club
KOREA
EAGLE FM
Morning (Sun)
 12:00 2-Rock
 4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 8:00 Christian Country
 10:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
Evening
 12:00 Bob Kingsley's Country Countdown
 4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 9:00 2-Rock
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 5:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Ulsan, Gyeongju, and Oseon)
 10:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Taegu, and Oseon)
Afternoon

1:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide)
Evening
 6:00 Adult Rock
 8:00 Urban Adult Contemporary
 9:00 Adult Rock
Morning (Sat)
 12:00 2-Rock
 5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide)
Afternoon
 12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
Evening
 8:00 Adult Rock
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FM - WAVE 89.1
Morning (Sun)
 12:00 American Country Countdown
 16:00 Adult Contemporary (bright AC)
Afternoon
 12:00 Adult Rock
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 5:00 Morning Show (live)
 9:00 Adult Contemporary (bright AC)
Afternoon
 13:00 Afternoon Show (live)
 5:00 Power Jamz (live)
 8:00 Adult Contemporary (bright AC)
 10:00 Adult Contemporary (hot AC)
Morning (Sat)
 9:00 2-Rock
 6:00 Adult Contemporary (bright AC)
 8:00 Saturday Show
Afternoon
 12:00 Radio Deez Weekly Top 40
 16:00 Adult Contemporary (hot AC)

Afternoon
 12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)
 12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)
 3:00 "The Rush"
Evening
 6:00 Classic Rock
 9:00 Top 40
Morning (Saturday)
 12:00 Classic Rock
 4:00 Classic Rock
 12:00 All Things Considered
 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge
 9:00 Oldies
 10:00 Hot AC
 11:00 Top 40 Show (live)
Afternoon
 12:00 Classic Rock
 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40
 4:00 Nuestr Musica
 6:00 Country
Evening
 8:00 Urban

KOREA

Thunder AM
Morning (Sun)
 12:00 Country
 5:00 NPR Weekly Edition
 7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 10:00 Nuestr Musica
Morning (Mon)
 12:00 Oldies Radio
 4:00 Sports Overnight America
 6:00 NPR Car Talk
 7:00 Prairie Home Companion
 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday
 11:00 Country
Morning (Mon)
 12:00 Country
 5:00 NPR
 7:00 Morning Report
 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie
 8:00 Oldies Radio
Afternoon
 12:00 Noon Report
 12:35 Rick Dees News
 1:00 Dr. Laura
 2:00 Country
 3:00 Jim Rome Show
 6:30 Sports Byline
 7:00 Rush Limbaugh
 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition
 10:00 Country
Afternoon
 12:00 Country
 5:00 NPR
 7:00 Morning Report
 7:30 NPR Market Place
Afternoon
 12:00 Noon Report
 12:35 News & Views
 1:00 Dr. Laura
 2:00 Country
 3:00 Jim Rome Show

Evening
 12:00 "The Jam" Report
 6:30 Sports Byline
 7:00 Rush Limbaugh
 7:00 Oldies Radio
 10:00 Country
Morning (Mon)
 12:00 Country
 5:00 NPR All Things Considered
Afternoon
 12:00 Country
 4:00 Sports Overnight America
Evening
 8:00 Ben Miller & Jason Smith - Sports (live)
 7:00 Rush Limbaugh
 8:00 Country
 9:00 National Public Radio

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Morning (Sunday)
 6:00 Adult Rock (continued)
Afternoon
 3:00 Sports Overnight America (live)
Evening
 7:00 Car Talk (live)
 8:00 Ben Miller & Jason Smith - Sports (live)
 9:00 Adult Rock
 12:00 Country
Morning (Mon)
 12:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
Afternoon
 12:00 Jim Lampley (live) Sports
 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)
 1:45 Paul Harvey
 2:00 Adult Rock
 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)
 5:00 The Sam Donaldson Show (recorded)
Evening
 6:00 Sports Overnight America
 7:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)
 11:00 Country
Morning (Tue-Fri)
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
 8:00 Adult Rock (Tue-Thu/Country (Fri)
Afternoon
 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)
 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)
 2:00 Adult Rock (Tue-Thu/Country (Fri)
 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)
 5:00 The Sam Donaldson Show (recorded)
Evening
 6:00 Sports Overnight America
 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)
 11:00 Country
Morning (Sat)
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
 10:00 Country
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 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)
 1:00 Sports Overnight America (live)
Evening
 7:00 Adult Rock
 8:00 Sports Overnight America (live)
 (Note: Schedule is subject to change because of sports schedules.)

AM RADIO SPORTS AND SPECIALS

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SUN, JUNE 20
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 2:00 MLB: Oakland Athletics at Chicago Cubs
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MON, JUNE 21
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 9:00 MLB: Sunday Night Baseball (Interleague) - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers
KOREA
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Morning
 2:00 MLB: Oakland Athletics at Chicago Cubs
 6:00 MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals
MON, JUNE 21
 2:00 MLB: Cleveland Indians at Atlanta Braves
 5:00 MLB: New York Yankees at St. Louis Cardinals
 9:00 MLB: Sunday Night Baseball (Interleague) - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers
TUE, JUNE 22
 9:00 MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Houston Astros
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Morning
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Q Say it ain't so. Is handsome Goran Visnjic really turning in his stethoscope and leaving "ER"? — Wendy Weiner, Cleveland

A Not quite yet. The brooding Croatian actor is contractually obligated to remain in NBC's emergency room as Dr. Luka Kovac for another season. But there are signs that his days on the small screen are numbered. Visnjic, 31, is now filming "Elektra," the comic book-inspired "Daredevil" spinoff starring Jennifer Garner. And once Visnjic gets a taste of big-screen big money, we predict there will be no turning back.

Visnjic: Still on "ER," but for how long?

AP



Q What is O.J. Simpson doing to fulfill his promise to "search for the real killer" of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman? It's been 10 years. — Gayle Muto, Chatham, Mass.

A Last we noticed, O.J. appeared to be looking in the rough on golf courses.

Q I saw Glenda Jackson on C-SPAN, speaking as a member of the House of Commons. How long has she been in office? — C.M. Costes, Santa Fe, N.M.

A The double Oscar winner (1970's "Women in Love" and 1973's "A Touch of Class") was elected to Parliament in 1992, representing the Labour Party for the London district of Hampstead and Highgate. Jackson, now 68, retired from showbiz that same year, saying: "You can't be a part-time member of Parliament any more than you can be a part-time actress."

O.J. — keeps busy interviewing, golfing.

AP

Q The release of the new CD "Dino: The Essential Dean Martin" got me wondering: Is Dean's wife Jeannie still alive? And what do his children remember most about him? — Nancy A. Fayetteville, Ark.

A Jeannie is alive and well at 77, as are six of Dean's eight kids. (Dean Paul died in 1987 at 37, and Claudia died in 2001 at 56.) "My father was always cool and funny," says Gail Martin, 59. "If you did anything you shouldn't have, you'd go into the den, and he'd say, 'I'm so disappointed.' We all adored him. That's why you never read about a Martin kid getting into trouble." Incidentally, Dean had three wives: Betty (1940-49), Jeannie (1949-73) and Catherine (1973-76).

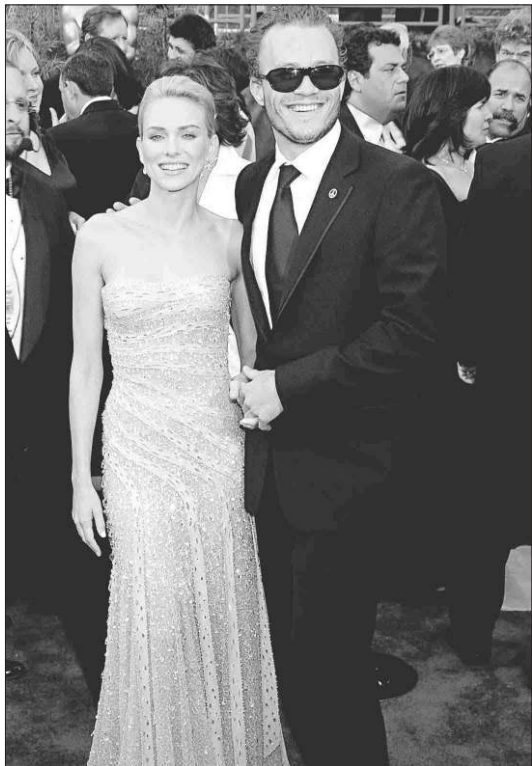


Q My wife swears that Paula Abdul of "American Idol" often uses hair extensions. I disagree. Who is right? — Tom Martin, Clifton, N.J.

A Your wife, Paula, 42, uses extensions to lengthen and highlight her tresses. "It's an intricate process that takes two to three hours," says Beverly Hills hairstylist Piny Benzakon, who has enhanced Paula's locks for years. Piny has had male extendees too, including John Travolta for "Pulp Fiction," Johnny Depp for "The Brave" and Tom Cruise for "Rain Man."

Paula Abdul's lovely locks owe their length to hair extensions.

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KRT

The lovely Naomi Watts and the scruffy Heath Ledger are no longer a couple. Ledger, 25, will be making art resemble him when he stars in the movie "Casanova," while Watts, 35, has her role in "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson's remake of "King Kong" to keep her busy.

Q You reported that Naomi Watts and Heath Ledger had broken up, but I recently saw them back together. What's their status now? — B. Charles, Wheeling, W.Va.

A Splitsville. And this time, it looks like it's for good. Sources close to the pair tell us their age difference — she's 35, he's 25 — finally caught up with them. Oscar nominee Naomi ("21 Grams") wants to share her hot career with a stable partner, while hunky Heath is more interested in sowing his wild Hollywood oats. Appropriately, he'll be romancing the ladies onscreen in "Casanova" starting in August. That same month, she starts shooting a remake of "King Kong" (no stable partner there, of course).

Q Despite the enormous potbelly he sports on "The Sopranos," I've heard that James Gandolfini takes his daily exercise routine very seriously. What health club does he belong to? — Jim Robbins, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

A None. Gandolfini, 42, exercises in the privacy of his Manhattan apartment. And his state-of-the-art equipment didn't fall off a truck. He personally paid for it at a store in New York.

Q I'm a big fan of the Harry Potter books. When will J.K. Rowling release her sixth volume? — Melissa W., Greeley, Colo.

A Rowling, 38, says she has no idea when she'll finish her as-yet-untilled sixth installment. It took three years to get No. 5, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," into stores. The Potter books have sold 254 million copies in 61 languages. With those numbers, we can understand why Rowling is in no rush to write "The End."

Q Are singer Beck and his girlfriend, actress Marissa Ribisi ("Dazed and Confused"), still an item? — Jennifer Kunz, New Haven, Conn.

A This duo has graduated from mere item to full-scale entree: Beck Hansen, 33, and Marissa Ribisi, 29 — twin sister of actor Giovanni Ribisi — tied the knot in April. A baby is due July 3.

FACES 'N' PLACES

Stars' clothing on display at airport

Some travelers passing through Atlanta's sprawling airport soon will have some famous duds to gaze at on their way to the gates.



Jackson

Cowboy boots worn by Alan Jackson, a leather jacket signed by the two members of OutKast and a silk jacket worn by Ray Charles are going on display at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

The 300-foot-long display will include highlights from the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. The exhibit will stay up until July 2005, officials said.

The hall of fame, which has struggled to attract big crowds to its Macon home despite Georgia's rich music heritage, is hoping a high-profile display at Hartsfield will boost visits.

"Our idea was how to get maximum exposure for the museum," said spokeswoman Jessica Walden-Griner.

Garcia influenced by native country

Andy Garcia says a longing for his native Cuba is the guiding force behind his next movie, which will be filmed in the Dominican Republic starting next week.

Garcia, 48, was born in Havana but left Cuba with his family when he was 5 for Miami Beach, Fla. Garcia's family left after Fidel Castro's revolution in 1959, and Garcia has been a critic of Castro's communist government.

"The Lost City" will focus on the transition from the rule of dictator Fulgencio Batista to Castro's takeover. Garcia's character, a cabaret owner, eventually leaves the country to go into exile in New York.

Novelist Guillermo Cabrera Infante, a Cuban exile who is also a critic of Castro, wrote the script for the movie, which Garcia also will direct.



Garcia

A personal ode to Greece

Forty years after providing the musical soul for "Zorba the Greek," Mikis Theodorakis has written a personal ode to Greece.



Theodorakis

"This is not my story," the 78-year-old composer said Tuesday, announcing a new musical that mixes his works with his well-known political passions. "It's the story of Greece."

The show, "A Life Full of Greece," opens next week in Athens as part of the cultural events leading up to the start of the summer Olympics in August.

Theodorakis has set the play between 1950 and 1975, turbulent years for Greece framed by the end of civil war and the rise to dictatorship after the 1967-74 military dictatorship. Theodorakis' music was a rallying point for junta opponents.

Celebrities pitch in for fund-raiser

Donald Trump, Don King, Avril Lavigne and Ed McMahon are among the celebrities offering private lunches, guitar lessons and other items in an eBay auction to raise money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

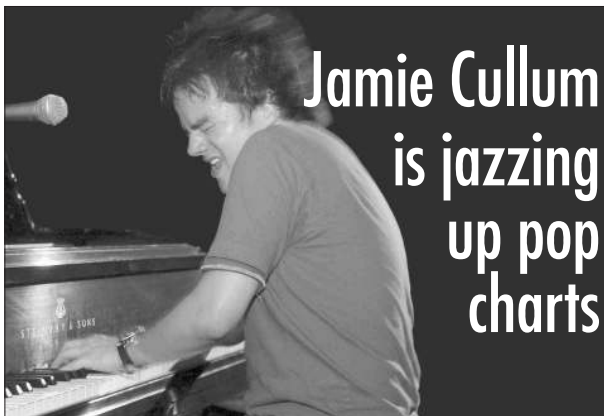
The highest bidders can play tennis with Trump, spend an afternoon with Arnold Palmer or win an internship at Esquire magazine or ABC radio.

All proceeds will benefit the non-profit foundation, based in Santa Monica, which provides funds for prostate cancer research.

The auction is pegged to Father's Day and will run through Monday.



Trump



Jamie Cullum is jazzing up pop charts

British pianist invades MTV with punk-infused jazz songs

BY CHARLES J. GANS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — MTV rarely covers jazz, but Jamie Cullum is a different story.

A recent "You Hear It First" segment on MTV News included an enthusiastic thumbs-up from superproducer Pharrell Williams, who was so blown away by Cullum's jazz version of his hip-hop hit "Frontin'" that he pronounced the 24-year-old British singer-pianist "definitely our kind of people."

In Britain, the original new talent has enjoyed unexpected, Norah Jones-like success with his major label debut, "Twentysomething." The CD has sold more than 1 million copies since its October release, making Cullum the top-selling British jazz artist ever. It was his first release under a million-pound recording deal with Universal.

Cullum, who infuses his jazz with punk, heavy metal and hip-hop influences, has now invaded America with a resequenced version of "Twentysomething" (Verve) and a monthlong tour. His CD has climbed to No. 2 on Billboard's contemporary jazz chart, right behind Norah Jones' "Feels Like Home."

While Cullum and Jones both cross genres and generations, Cullum says "the only similarities are the fact that we both play piano and we sing."

Jones is subtle and introverted, a well-schooled musician who blends jazz with soul, country, blues and folk. Cullum is precocious, extroverted, largely self-taught — and in love with pop music.

"For me, jazz is the widest platform possible to do everything I want to do," Cullum said.

Cullum's CD hardily captures the excitement of his live performances. He is not a "scooby-doo" style crooner, but more like "Scrappy Doo" — energetic, feisty, risky, a 5-foot-4 bantamweight with spiky brown hair and the attitude of a punk rocker or hip-hopper.

His music isn't the only thing that sets him apart from retro, suit-wearing young jazz crooners like Peter Cincotti or Michael Buble. He shows up



AP photos

Jamie Cullum, a 24-year-old British singer-pianist, impressed musician Pharrell Williams with his jazz version of Williams' hip-hop hit 'Frontin'.

for an interview wearing a T-shirt, paint-splattered blue jeans and scruffy sneakers.

With vocals mixing the technique of jazz singers like Harry Connick Jr. and Kurt Elling with the raw, gravelly tone of Kurt Cobain, Cullum shines away from crooning.

Cullum opened a May set at Joe's Pub in Greenwich Village standing on top of the piano as he launched into his opening number, Cole Porter's "I Get a Kick Out of You." He then stood at the piano, pounding out the melody and slamming the keyboard with his foot to accentuate the word "kick." On "I Could Have Danced All Night," he slapped out the beat on the wooden piano frame and played inside the piano.

He may be shaking up the jazz scene, but in some ways Cullum is a throwback to an older, pre-bebop generation of jazz musicians who saw themselves as entertainers and embraced the popular music of their day.

"Jazz used to be about dancing, drinking and girls, but the first time I went to a jazz club all I saw were old men and no girls," said Cullum.

"I'm not trying to change jazz," said

Cullum. "I'm just trying to make music that I feel comfortable with ... and that I could relate to as a young man."

Cullum, who grew up in rural England, comes from a musically inclined family, but never took to formal training. His biggest musical influence has been his brother Ben, a songwriter and dance music producer who now lives near him in London.

As a child, Cullum started on piano, but switched to guitar because he loved its powerful sound. When he got back to piano as a teenager, he was into loud, percussive boogie-woogie and rock 'n' roll piano.

Cullum, who played in grunge and hip-hop bands as a teenager, says he discovered jazz through the "back door."

Listening to heavy metal, he found himself drawn to the guitar solos, which led him to jazz instrumental solos. Then he discovered the jazz samples used by hip-hop bands such as a Tribe Called Quest and Public Enemy. As he got into songwriting, he found his role models such as Bob Dylan and Tom Waits talking about George Gershwin and Porter.

When he was 16, Cullum began immersing himself more in jazz piano, but he didn't think seriously about a musical career until he attended the University of Reading, where he majored in English and film studies.

He earned money playing gigs everywhere from strip clubs to weddings and funerals, and at age 19 used his student loan money to "cut a record," "Heard It All Before," to sell at shows. He sold his second record, "Pointless Nostalgic," to an independent jazz label, Candid. Its success — along with major boost from the popular BBC TV talk show host Michael Parkinson — helped Cullum net his big Universal/Verve deal.

Cullum says he isn't nervous about whether his success in Britain can translate to the American market.

"I think the U.S. audience seems to be responding to the eclecticism of the music quite well," said Cullum. "But my expectations when it comes to record sales are always zero...I just like playing music and I like to develop."

Japan takes bite out of eating competition

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

TOKYO — He's taken on sumo wrestlers. No contest. Former NFL star William "The Refrigerator" Perry, three times his size, took up the gauntlet. Not even close.

Nobody, but nobody, can eat hot dogs like Japan's Takeru "The Tsunami" Kobayashi. And, once again, he's in training to devour the field at one of competitive eating's most venerable battles — the annual Fourth of July hot dog eating contest on Coney Island.

"It's like any other sport. You really have to be dedicated to win," Kobayashi, who has won the New York City contest an un-

precedented three straight years, said this week from his home in Nagoya, a city in central Japan.

Not to be confused with your average arm-chair glutton, competitive eating is starting to look like a potential Olympic event. It has its own governing body — the New York-based International Federation of Competitive Eating — and branches in the United States, Japan, England, Thailand, Ukraine, Germany, Canada and Ireland.

Hot dogs aren't the only food on the plate, either.

Along with such mainstay categories as ice cream, doughnuts and tacos, the IFOCE maintains world records for everything from deep fried asparagus (5.75 pounds in 10 minutes, by Alexander Dia, native Sonya Thomas who weighs just 105 pounds) to baseball-sized matzo balls (21 in 5 minutes, 25 seconds by 460-pound Eric Booker, a New York subway conductor).

For serious hot dog eaters, technique can be pivotal. Kobayashi swears by the "Solomon approach" — he breaks his winners and buns in half before showing them mouthward. "It saves me half the chewing effort," he said.

Kobayashi, who weighs 155 pounds, says competitive eating requires a special brand of body-building.

"You have to gradually build up your gut by eating larger and larger amounts of food, and then be sure to work it all off so body fat doesn't put a squeeze on the expansion of your stomach in competition," he said.

The strength of Japan on the world piggy circuit is hard to dispute.

Japan's dominance of the Coney Island contest, held since 1916, began in 1997, when Hirofumi Nakajima won the first of his two championships. Kazutoyo Arai won in 2000, and the title has belonged to Japanese eaters ever

since.

Perhaps that's because Japan holds its competitive eaters in special regard. Eating competitions have been a staple of TV game shows for at least a decade, with competitors most commonly called on to inhale noodles, rice or boiled eggs.

The best eaters, like Koba-

yashi, are celebrities. Hailed by his fans as "the prince of gluttony," the 25-year-old earned an estimated \$150,000 in prize money last year.

"Japan owes much of its strength in competitive eating to the fact that TV shows put up big money, and so people trained themselves to a high level," he

said.

Kobayashi got his start four years ago on the weekly prime-time "TV Champion" event. Later that year, he set the Japan record for eating Chinese dumplings by downing 400 in one hour on another show. He won his first hot dog eating contest — setting the world record of 50 1/2

in 12 minutes — four months later.

Though currently without serious rival — the record for an American is a mere 30 1/2 — Kobayashi is confident he can push himself to do better at Coney Island, where he swallowed 44 1/2 hot dogs in 12 minutes last year.

"I think I can do it," he said. "I'm shooting for 51.5 hot dogs."



Kobayashi



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Left: Luna, a four-year-old orphaned orca, surfaces at Mooyah Bay in Nootka Sound near Uchuck River, B.C., in May. The frighteningly friendly orca who took up residence in this coastal community's harbor, seemed mischievously unaware Monday of his upcoming eviction.

Above: Luna bounds and plays in the wake of the Uchuck, a working coastal vessel that offers passenger and freight service in the sound.

Lonely Luna

Whale separated from family evades would-be reunifiers

The Associated Press

GOLD RIVER, British Columbia — A day after a pair of Indian canoes led him out to sea, Luna, the overly friendly orca, followed a government inflatable boat but not long enough to set in motion an effort to reunite him with his family.

The killer whale eventually broke away, probably to look for food, said Marilyn Joyce, marine mammal coordinator for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Scientists hope to capture the 5-year-old orca and eventually reunite him with his U.S. family, L-Pod. After Luna swam away from the fisheries boat, officials said the effort would not begin Thursday.

Indians in Nootka Sound, some of whom believe the whale is the reincarnation of a tribal chief, want him to remain in the remote inlet on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Videotape shot earlier Thursday showed Luna plowing along behind the inflatable boat toward a floating net. In hot pursuit, members of the Mowachait-Muchalait tribe paddled canoes and sang to lure Luna away from the pen.

"Our singers are very willing to sing as long as it takes. They'll just have to sing louder," Mike Maquinna, grand chief of the Mowachait-Muchalait tribe, said Thursday.

On Wednesday tribal members in the two canoes used similar tactics to lead Luna out to the middle of the sound.

"Some people see it as a protest," Maquinna said. "We don't. It's just some people getting in canoes and singing some songs and a whale happens to be about. We've done this for thousands of years."

The fisheries department and the Vancouver Aquarium want to move Luna to an inlet near Victoria, about 200 miles to the south, because the lonely young whale has become too friendly with people and boats in this small community and has become a danger. It would be the first step toward reuniting Luna with his family, which spends summers in the waters around southern Vancouver Island and the San Juan Islands of Washington state.

The Indians agree Luna has become too dependent on people, but many believe the spirit of their late chief inhabits the whale.

Luna turned up in Nootka Sound in 2001, days after the chief made a deathbed wish for his spirit to reside within an orca.

Under the plan of government and aquarium officials, Luna would be led into the net pen by the inflatable boat and spend a week getting medical tests.

If healthy, the whale would be coaxed into a sling, lifted by crane into a water-filled container, then trucked south and put into another pen near Victoria and released when his home pod swims by.

Old octopus impregnates young mate

By ARRY PEMBERTON

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — J-1 was doing more than whispering sweet nothings to Aurora as the two clutched each other in a secluded corner last month.

Aurora, a Giant Pacific octopus, began laying long strings of nearly translucent eggs last weekend by dribbling them down the sides of her tank.

Lately, she's taken to laying discrete clusters. She could lay 60,000 to 100,000 eggs — just what's expected from her kind.

"She basically stays there hanging on the wall, and the eggs are extruded and sent out of her mantle," Richard Hocking, aquarium curator at the Alaska SeaLife Center, said Wednesday.

Aquarists at the center could only wonder what went on the morning of May 11 when the aging J-1, who up until then had lived a strictly bachelor life — was introduced to the slightly younger Aurora.

During their brief but oh-so-intense encounter, when they were both gripping the back of the tank and his body nearly covered hers, did J-1 pass his spermatophore packet to Aurora? Did she accept it? Would she choose to conceive? That's right, female Giant Pacific octopuses can choose to conceive in what is known as delayed fertilization. Apparently, J-1 had the right stuff.

"I am amazed by this animal's vitality," Hocking said of J-1, who at more than 5 years is considered elderly. "This animal has a lot of vitality, more than any other I've seen in an octopus."

When J-1 began acting cranky with Aurora early last week, he was removed from her tank. Giving her privacy and dimming the exhibit lights to simulate den-like conditions may have been just what she craved. Aurora began laying eggs just a few days later.

She likes to use one or more of her eight arms to gently move the eggs and press them to the walls of her 3,000-gallon tank, part of the "Denizens of the Deep" exhibit at the center, located in Seward.

In the wild, Giant Pacific octopus females stop eating when caring for eggs, weaken and die about the same time as the eggs hatch.

Hocking said Aurora will continue to be given food but the inevitable will happen. Her immune system eventually will shut down and she will die. The only question is when.

Aurora was about the size of a grapefruit when she was found in 2002 living inside an old tire in front of the SeaLife Center.

J-1, who was only about the size of a quarter when collected on a beach near Seldovia in 1999, now measures 12 feet when stretched out. He is doing fine for now, but basically he's on his way out, too.

"Nothing is forever for an octopus. Five years is a long time," Hocking said.

A new look at the donkey's place in history

By LEE BOWMAN

Scripps Howard News Service

Although perhaps not as noble as the horse, the domestic donkey nevertheless offers better transportation in parts of the world where water is scarce and the terrain unfriendly.

But more than most animals tamed by humans in the past 5,000 or so years, the background of donkeys has remained obscure to scientists studying ancient cultures.

Published Friday in the journal *Science*, a new genetic study of donkeys from throughout the Old World suggests that people domesticated the animals from wild populations in Africa on at least two different occasions.

Most experts agree the most likely ancestor was a subspecies of the African wild ass. But the subspecies once spread all the way from the Atlas Mountains of Morocco to Kenya and the Red Sea, making it hard to pinpoint where or when the first humans rode or loaded the back of a tamed donkey. Markings

on the backs and legs of today's donkeys hint that they might have come from several different regions in Africa.

Archaeological evidence is sparse. There have been a few inconclusive cave paintings, but little else to prove whether donkey bones came from wild or domestic animals until Egyptian paintings and tomb artifacts put them under harness in the Nile Valley about 4,000 B.C.

Efforts to compare living wild asses with today's donkeys have been difficult, since the wild animals have been hunted to near extinction across northern Africa, with just a few survivors left in Somalia, Ethiopia, Egypt and Israel.

So rather than working from wild stock, a team led by Albano Beja-Pereira of the Alpine Ecological Lab in Grenoble, France, decided to study maternal DNA collected from donkeys in 52 countries in Europe, Asia and Africa and compare them with limited samples taken from wild asses.

Beja-Pereira said modern domestic don-

keys appear to be descended from two distinct wild populations. The researchers said the most recent donkey ancestors had a genetic split 300,000 to 900,000 years ago, long before the earliest livestock domestications.

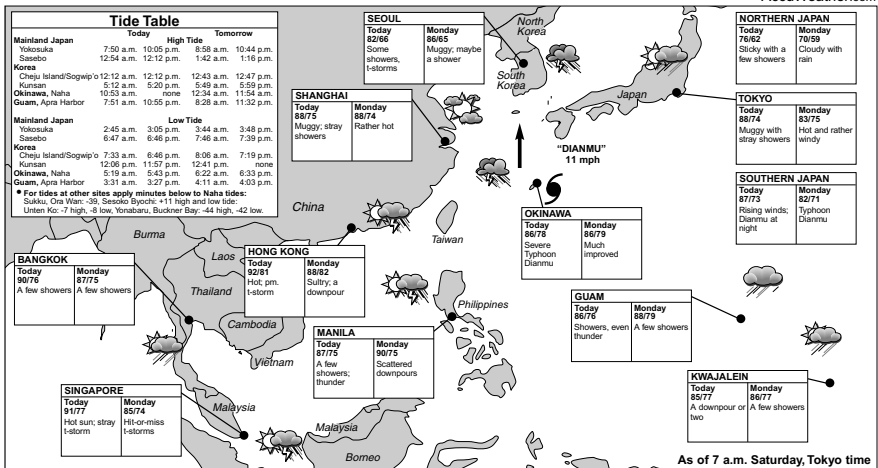
The domestication of cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and ducks all took place in relatively stable farming communities in the Near East starting about 10,000 years ago. But the taming of horses and donkeys appears to have been carried out by more nomadic people living in less hospitable lands of central Asia for the horse, and around the Sahara for the donkey.

The new report lends support to the theory that the donkey was the only hooved animal domesticated solely in Africa and later exported, and it demonstrates how the innovation might have quickly spread through the ancient world.

Unlike oxen, donkeys are fairly easily led and don't require as many rest stops. They quickly became transportation not only for herders, but for their entire families and their trade goods. They became essential for long-distance trade through desert country.

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 79.
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 76.

KADENA

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 80.
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 79.

SEoul

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 68.
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 70.

MANILA

Tuesday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 75.
Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 90, low 74.

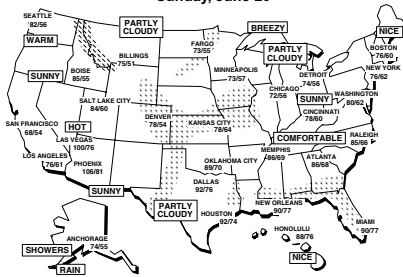
HAGATNA

Tuesday: Thunderstorms, high 90, low 79.
Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 78.

Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	92/63	Los Angeles	74/61
Amarillo	87/60	Little Rock	91/73
Anchorage	73/55	Louisville	87/70
Asheville	87/67	Miami	90/78
Baltimore	93/70	Milwaukee	77/52
Birmingham	88/72	Nashville	88/72
Bismark	83/58	New York	87/70
Boise	84/57	Omaha	69/50
Boston	73/60	Orlando	91/74
Brownsville	94/77	Philadelphia	90/70
Buffalo	78/58	Phoenix	105/80
Burlington	81/61	Pittsburgh	84/63
Charleston, SC	90/76	Portland, OR	91/58
Charlotte	92/72	Portland, ME	73/56
Cleveland	78/60	Salt Lake City	79/63
Columbus, OH	83/64	St. Louis	83/64
Duluth	62/40	San Antonio	93/74
El Paso	96/70	San Diego	70/52
Hartford	81/62	San Juan	92/76
Helena	64/42	Tampa	92/77
Indianapolis	83/62	Tulsa	90/67
Jacksonville	91/74	Washington	93/74
Kansas City	71/56	Wichita	75/61

Sunday, June 20



U.S. Extended Forecast

High pressure will keep much of the East dry on Sunday with a good deal of sunshine and a comfortable afternoon. Showers and thunderstorms will develop, primarily in the afternoon, from South Carolina to Florida and westward along the Gulf Coast states as warm and muggy air remains in place. Warmer air will flow into the Midwest and the Plains, and thunderstorms will break out across the Mississippi Valley. Much of the western part of the nation will remain quiet. Warmer air will begin pushing into the mid-Atlantic and Northeast Monday, but will also contribute to showers and thunderstorms in these areas. More storms will also occur across the Ohio Valley and into the central Plains.

Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/76	Iwakuni	82/69
Beijing	85/70	Kadena AB	86/78
Camp Casey	82/65	Kunsan AB	82/69
Christchurch	55/33	Kwajalein	85/77
Diego Garcia	87/75	Manila	87/75
Hagatna	86/78	Masawa AB	76/64
Hanoi	88/62	Perth	80/67
Hong Kong	92/81	Taipei	84/52
Honolulu	88/76	Pusan	75/68

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/76	Budapest	79/51
Athens	85/67	Buenos Aires	68/46
Auckland	62/51	Cairo	100/66
Baghdad	111/74	Cancun	94/73
Barbados	88/72	Cape Town	70/54
Barcelona	67/56	Geneva	64/46
Berlin	68/52	Istanbul	79/63
Bermuda	82/70	Jerusalem	88/59
Brussels	59/40	Johannesburg	69/40
		Kabul	99/62
		Kiev	81/63
		New Delhi	94/76
		Oslo	51/37
		Paris	59/43
		Rio de Janeiro	74/63
		Rome	78/56
		St. Petersburg	68/46
		Stockholm	63/44
		Warsaw	67/47

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STARS AND STRIPES

SCOREBOARD

AFN schedule

Times listed are Japan hour and Korea Standard time. Guam is one hour ahead; South and Hong Kong are one hour behind. Schedule subject to change without notice.

Television

AFN-Pacific/AFN-Korea
SUN, June 20, at 8 a.m. — Auto baseball: Cincinnati at St. Louis.
SUN, June 21, at 2 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Next Cup #10.

AFN-Atlantic

SUN, June 20, at 10 a.m. — Pro boxing: Demetrius Hopkins vs. Alonzo Jones, junior-middle weights.
SUN, June 20, at 4 a.m. — Pro baseball: NY Yankees vs. Los Angeles.
MON, June 21, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: Minnesota vs. Milwaukee.
MON, June 21, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Cleveland vs. Atlanta.
MON, June 21, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: Boston vs. San Francisco.

AFN-Sports

SUN, June 20, at 1:30 a.m. — Pro golf: 104th U.S. Open, third round.
SUN, June 20, at 8:30 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Busch Grand National Meijer 300.
SUN, June 20, at 11 a.m. — Women's pro basketball: Detroit vs. Sacramento.
SUN, June 20, at 8:30 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Trucks O'Reilly 200.
MON, June 21, at 10 a.m. — Trade and NASCAR Craftsman Trucks O'Reilly 200.
MON, June 21, at 10 a.m. — Pro golf: 104th U.S. Open, final round.
MON, June 21, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: NY Yankees vs. Los Angeles.
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MON, June 21, at 8 a.m. — Pro boxing: Jermaine Taylor vs. Raul Marquez, middle-weights.

Radio

Korea — AFN Thunder-AM
SUN, June 20, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs.
SUN, June 20, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: Cincinnati vs. St. Louis.
MON, June 21, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Cleveland vs. Atlanta.
MON, June 21, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: Boston vs. San Francisco.
MON, June 21, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: NY Yankees vs. Los Angeles.
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Okinawa — AFN Surf 648-AM

SUN, June 20, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs.
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Japan baseball

Central League
 Yomiuri 34 27 0 597
 Chunichi 29 20 2 482
 Yokohama 29 20 2 482
 Hiroshima 29 20 2 482
 Lotte 29 20 2 482
 Yakult 29 20 2 482

Pacific League

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 Nippon 41 23 3 641
 Tohoku 41 23 3 641
 Nippon Ham 31 33 1 484
 Chiba 31 33 1 484
 Lotte 27 37 2 427
 Orix 27 37 2 405

Tennis

Eastbourne Championships

Friday
At Devonshire Park
Surface: Grass (Outdoor)
Purse: \$58,000 (Tier II)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
 Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Amelie Mauresmo (1), France, 6-4, 6-4.
 Svetlana Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Vera Zvonareva (4), Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1.

Nottingham Open

Friday
At The City of Nottingham Tennis Centre Nottingham, England
Purse: \$40,000 (Mid. Series)
Surface: Grass (Outdoor)
Singles
 Taylor (def.) U.S. Open, def. Victor Hristov, Romania, 5-7, 6-2 (2), 7-6 (7).
 Paradorn Srichavan, Thailand, def. Robin Soderling, Sweden, 6-2, 6-2.

Ordina Open

Friday
At Autotron
Don Bosh, Netherlands
Purse: Men, \$450,000 (Tier I); WTA, \$170,000 (Tier II)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Quarterfinals
 Tommy Robredo (4), Spain, def. Fernando Verdasco (8), Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
 Michael Llodra (6), def. Rasmus Sluiter-Nielsen (2), Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2.

Women
 Kiki Karolovic, Czech Republic, def. Ana Maria Garrigues, Spain, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles
 Lamps Burmester (1), Germany, and Jan Vacek, Czech Republic, def. Jarmal Pater, Austria, and Paul Verbeek (4), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.

Women
 Jelena Kostanic, Croatia, and Claudine Schenck, Luxembourg, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, and Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-3.

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College baseball

College World Series
At Rosenblatt Stadium Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
Friday, June 18
Bracket 1
 Georgia & Arizona, 13-1 vs. Arkansas (4-2)

Saturday, June 19
Bracket 2
 Game 3 — South Carolina (50-15) vs. Cal State Fullerton (21-21)
 Game 4 — Miami (49-15) vs. LSU (46-17)

Sunday, June 20
 Game 5 — Arizona (32-26) vs. Loser Georgia & Georgia (44-21) vs. Winner Game 3

Monday, June 21
 Game 7 — Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Tuesday, June 22
 Game 9 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Wednesday, June 23
 Game 10 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Thursday, June 24
 Game 11 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Friday, June 25
 Game 12 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Saturday, June 26
 Game 13 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Sunday, June 27
 Game 14 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Monday, June 28
 Game 15 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Tuesday, June 29
 Game 16 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Wednesday, June 30
 Game 17 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Thursday, July 1
 Game 18 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Friday, July 2
 Game 19 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Saturday, July 3
 Game 20 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Sunday, July 4
 Game 21 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Monday, July 5
 Game 22 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Tuesday, July 6
 Game 23 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Wednesday, July 7
 Game 24 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Thursday, July 8
 Game 25 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Friday, July 9
 Game 26 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Saturday, July 10
 Game 27 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Sunday, July 11
 Game 28 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Monday, July 12
 Game 29 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Tuesday, July 13
 Game 30 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Wednesday, July 14
 Game 31 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Thursday, July 15
 Game 32 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Friday, July 16
 Game 33 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Saturday, July 17
 Game 34 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Sunday, July 18
 Game 35 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Monday, July 19
 Game 36 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Tuesday, July 20
 Game 37 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 & Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

28. (49) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 187,520 mph.
 29. (22) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 187,349 mph.
 30. (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 187,338 mph.
 31. (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 187,129 mph.
 32. (51) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, 186,848 mph.

33. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 186,698 mph.
 34. (10) Jeff Burton, Dodge, 186,698 mph.
 35. (20) Jimmy J. Jones, Dodge, 186,698 mph.
 36. (50) J.P. Jones, Chevrolet, 186,602 mph.
 37. (88) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 186,603 mph.
 38. (24) Todd Bodine, Dodge, 186,598 mph.
 39. (20) Dave Blaney, Dodge, Provisional.
 40. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 186,598 mph.

41. (42) Rick Shenderford, Ford, provisional.
 42. (77) Geoffrey Bodine, Ford, provisional.
 43. (22) Derrike Coe, Chevrolet, provisional.
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Failed to qualify
 45. (80) Kerry Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 185,242 mph.
 46. (50) Carl Long, Dodge, 183,748 mph.

Deals

Thursday's transactions

BASEBALL
Arizona League
 ANAHEIM ANGELS—Activated RHP Brendan Connelly from the 60-day DL. Designated to be the 15-day roster spot.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed OF Billy McMillen on the 60-day DL. Designated to be the 15-day roster spot.
Portland Sea Wolves
 LHR from the Portland of the PCL.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Activated RHP Billy Koch from the 60-day DL. Designated to be the 15-day roster spot.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated RHP Josh Beckett from the 15-day roster spot. Designated to be the 15-day roster spot.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Signed Pedro Martinez to a one-year contract for \$12 million.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Signed RHP Rick Hoge to a one-year contract for \$1.5 million.

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Hasek won't play for Wings

The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Goaltender Dominik Hasek won't play for the Detroit Red Wings next season.

Hasek said Ottawa is one of the teams he would be interested in joining, and added he wants to be on a club that has a chance to win the Stanley Cup.

"The decision should be taken ... no later than the beginning of July," he said.

In Thursday's edition of the Sport daily, "At the moment I can only confirm that I won't be in Detroit next season."

A call from The Associated Press to Hasek's agent, Rick Winter, was not returned.

Hasek, 39, of Ottawa, had underwent groin surgery in Prague in April, and went to recover in his hometown of Pardubice, 60 miles east of Prague.

"I feel good, very good," Hasek said.

Hasek came out of a one-year retirement last season to rejoin the Red Wings, but the groin injury limited him to just four games.

Hasek joined the Red Wings before the 2001-02 season, winning his first Stanley Cup that season. He retired in 2002, but came back to Detroit before last season.

Avs re-sign Kowalchuk
DENVER — The Colorado Avalanche re-signed forward Steve Kowalchuk to a three-year contract Thursday.

Kowalchuk was acquired from the Washington Capitals last October. He played in 82 games, including 76 with the Avalanche, collecting 19 goals and 21 assists for 40 points. It was his third-highest single-season goal total and highest point total in his career.

Jones continues to take her case to public

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Marion Jones stepped up her public relations offensive by releasing results of a lie detector test her lawyer said proves she never took performance-enhancing drugs.

The move came just hours after she was accused of grandstanding by the international doping chief.

Jones and her legal team have sparred recently with IOC President Jacques Rogge, the United States Anti-Doping Agency and World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound in their attempt to clear the star sprinter of drug allegations.

The latest move by the five-time Olympic medalist involved taking a lie detector test Wednesday at her attorney's office and sending the results to the USADA on Thursday.

"The passing of the polygraph just vindicates and supports fully the position Marion has taken through all of this time," Burton said on a conference call. "That's the position that she never, ever used performance-enhancing drugs at any time from anybody at all. This polygraph examination fully proves that."

USADA spokesman Rich Wainwright said the agency would not comment on a specific case, but that "all credible information will receive the appropriate consideration."

Sen. John McCain rebuffed Jones' earlier request to hold a public hearing into allegations that she violated rules banning the use of steroids.

In a letter to Jones' attorney, McCain, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, said he believed the USADA process was the best forum for her to pursue her case since the committee isn't a court of law or arbitration panel.

"Her request for a committee hearing ignores USADA's jurisdiction over all U.S. Olympic athlete doping cases and the adjudication process adhered to by USADA to resolve such cases," McCain wrote in the letter, which was released Friday.

Jones' legal team sent its request to McCain on Wednesday, when the champion sprinter called for a public hearing she hopes will clear her name and allow her to compete in this summer's Olympic Games in Athens.

Jones is one of the most prominent athletes who testified in a federal probe by a Bay Area drug lab accused of illegally distributing steroids.



Olympic champion Marion Jones gestures during a news conference on Wednesday. Jones called for a public hearing in her campaign to forestall a possible drug case.

USADA is investigating Jones for possible doping violations. She met with doping officials last month to discuss their evidence, and received a letter from the agency last week asking follow-up questions.

USADA is building cases based on documents and other circumstantial evidence deriving from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case. Athletes can be banned without a positive drug test.

Earlier Thursday, Pound said Jones' call for a public hearing was a "grandstand performance," and he accused her of trying to avoid proper anti-doping hearing procedures.

"I don't think that an athlete for whatever reason is able to subvert that process," Pound said in a conference call from Montreal. "I think it was very unfortunate that Marion was advised to use words like secret court with respect to USADA."

Georgia beats Arizona to open CWS

OMAHA, Neb. — Joey Side hit a two-run single that capped a four-run fourth inning, and Will Startup pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth to give Georgia an 8-7 victory over Arizona in the College World Series on Friday.

The Bulldogs (44-21) advance to play Sunday against the winner of Friday's late matchup of Arkansas and Texas. Arizona (35-26-1) plays the Arkansas-Texas loser on Sunday.

Side drove in the go-ahead runs as Georgia turned a 6-3 deficit into a 7-6 lead. The Bulldogs added an insurance run in the seventh when Jason Jacobs scored from third after Arizona catcher Nick Hundley threw into center field trying to pick off Jonathan Wyatt at second base.

Johnny Dobbs (6-2) gave up two hits and no runs in 2 1/3 innings after Arizona had rocked Georgia starter Paul Lubrano for six runs on nine hits the first 3 1/3 innings.

Tennis player Coetzee retires

WASHINGTON — Former top 10 player Amanda Coetzee retired Friday after a 16-year tennis career in which she won nine singles and nine doubles titles.

The South African, 32, reached a career-best ranking of No. 3 in 1997, when she reached the semifinals in the Australian Open and French Open, beating Steffi Graf in each. She also beat Graf 6-0, 6-1 that season at Berlin, the worst loss of the Hall of Famer's career.

Playing a limited schedule in 2004, Coetzee went 2-3 in tour events and her ranking slid from 25th to 89th.

Rahman knocks out Calloway

GLEN BURNIE, Md. — Former heavyweight champion Hasim Rahman knocked out Rob Calloway in the second round Thursday night, enhancing his bid to regain the title he lost nearly three years ago.

It was the third victory in a 99-day span for Rahman (38-5-1), the top-ranked contender in the World Boxing Association.

Rahman floored Calloway (44-5-1) with an overhand right, and the underdog didn't get off the canvas until several moments after the 10-count by referee Malik Wakeed.

Before his three-match winning streak, Rahman went 0-3-1 after winning the heavyweight title with a stunning knockout of Lennox Lewis in April 2001.

Emmitt Smith named starter again

TEMPE, Ariz. — Emmitt Smith, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, was designated Thursday as the Arizona Cardinals starting running back.

Coach Dennis Green made the announcement at the close of offseason workouts. Marcel Shipp, who took over last season

after Smith broke his shoulder, will be the backup.

When Smith returned after missing six games, he remained the backup.

The 35-year-old Smith signed a two-year deal with the Cardinals last year after a 13 years with the Dallas Cowboys.

Last season was his worst in the NFL, with just 256 yards rushing and an average 2.8 yards a carry. Shipp rushed for 830 yards and a 3.6 average.

Rams' Little indicted on felony drunken-driving charge

ST. LOUIS — Rams defensive end Leonard Little was indicted on charges of persistent drunken driving, nearly two months after police in a St. Louis suburb arrested him.

Little pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in an alcohol-related wreck that killed a St. Louis woman in 1998. The latest indictment mirrors charges in a criminal complaint filed against him April 26.

Little was indicted Wednesday on charges of speeding, and as a persistent offender with felony driving while intoxicated. His lawyer, Scott Rosenblum, said Little would plead innocent.

Little was arrested on April 24 after police pulled him over for speeding on an interstate. Police said he had bloodshot eyes, smelled of alcohol, failed three roadside sobriety tests and admitted drinking alcohol.

The charge of driving while intoxicated normally is a misdemeanor. If convicted of the felony, Little could face up to four years in prison.

Vikings cut cornerback Kelly

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Cornerback Eric Kelly was released by the Minnesota Vikings on Friday after failing to report for the final week of offseason workouts and asking for his release.

Kelly, who started 11 games as a rookie in 2001 and 12 games in 2002, was expected to be Minnesota's fourth cornerback.

Patriots extend Brusch

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots have signed linebacker Tedy Bruschi to a contract extension through 2007.

Brusch, who acts as his own agent, was scheduled to become a free agent after the 2004 season. The new deal includes a total base salary of \$4.6 million over the next four years, according to the web site of the NFL Players Association.

Brusch's signing bonus was not disclosed. Patriots spokesman Stacy James said Thursday the team does not comment on contract extensions.

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West stays in draft as others opt for college

The Associated Press

Two of the Southeastern Conference's top players, All-American Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State and Brandon Bass of LSU, pulled out of the NBA Draft on Thursday and will return to their schools next season.

Saint Joseph's guard Delonte West, meanwhile, will skip his senior season and remain in the June 24 draft, despite not being projected as a first-round pick. Only players selected in the first round get guaranteed contracts.

Charlotte center Martin Ili and Washington guard Nate Robinson also withdrew their names from consideration before the Thursday afternoon deadline.

Roberts, the SEC's player of the year, said there were "too many unanswered questions" after he participated in last week's NBA predraft camp.

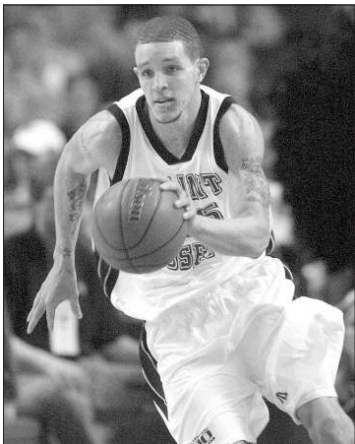
"Any time you have a situation like that, the best remedy is to answer the questions people have in their heads," Roberts told ESPN. "That's going back to school, and proving I'm a higher pick than people might think."

Bass was the SEC's freshman of the year, averaging 12.8 points and 7.4 rebounds a game. After the camp, Bass also worked out for the Boston Celtics, Indianapolis Pacers and San Antonio Spurs.

"I learned what I need to improve on and I got a lot for what my strengths are," Bass said. "It was a tough decision, but I feel good about it."

West, an honorable mention All-American last season, played well during the predraft camp in Chicago while battling through a sprained right foot. He averaged 18.9 points and 5.4 rebounds for Saint Joseph's.

High school star Al Jefferson, a possible lottery pick, is staying in



Delonte West decided to stay in the NBA Draft instead of returning to Saint Joseph's despite not being projected as a first-round pick.

the draft pool but won't sign with an agent, leaving open the possibility that he could play college ball for Arkansas.

The forward averaged 42.6 points, 18 rebounds and seven blocks during his senior season at Prentiss (Miss.) High School.

Ili declared for the draft in May and participated in the predraft camp but didn't sign with an agent. The 7-foot player from Australia averaged 6.0 points and 4.7 rebounds per game and made Conference USA's all-freshman team.

Robinson was a key member of the Huskies, who went 19-12 last season and reached the NCAA tournament. He averaged 13.2 points, 3.9 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.7 steals as a sophomore.

"I'm going to take Husky basketball back to where it needs to be, back to a winning program like we did last year, and even better," Robinson said.

NBA Draft order

Thursday, June 24

First round

1. Orlando
2. L.A. Clippers
3. Chicago
4. Charlotte Bobcats (expansion)
5. Washington
6. Atlanta
7. Phoenix
8. Toronto
9. Philadelphia
10. Cleveland
11. Golden State
12. Seattle
13. Portland
14. Utah
15. San Antonio
16. Utah (from New York through Phoenix)
17. Atlanta (from Milwaukee through Denver and Detroit)
18. New Orleans
19. Miami
20. Denver
21. Utah (from Houston)
22. New Jersey
23. Portland (from Memphis)
24. Boston (from Dallas)
25. Boston (from Detroit)
26. L.A. Lakers
27. San Antonio
28. Indiana

Note: Minnesota's first-round pick has been forfeited

Hamilton, Wallace invited to Olympics

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Ben Wallace and Richard Hamilton of the NBA champion Detroit Pistons have been asked to play for the U.S. Olympic team in Athens. Both said Thursday they had yet to respond to the invitation.

"I haven't really thought about it," Hamilton said after a daylong celebration with fans. "I'll probably take a couple days to think about it."

Wallace said essentially the same thing. But earlier this month, he seemed to be sure of his intentions.

"They asked me if I would say, 'Yes' to playing on the team, and I said, 'Yes,'" Wallace said on June 1. "I don't know if they have decided what to do because they haven't announced it yet."

The USA Basketball selection committee has had to scramble to fill its 12-player roster for Athens because many stars opted against playing in the Olympics.

McGrady, owner to meet

ORLANDO, Fla. — Magic owner Rich DeVos is preparing to make his best pitch to get Tracy McGrady to stay in Orlando.

DeVos, the salesman who built the Amway empire, wants the NBA's leading scorer to know that the team is committed to becoming a winner again — and that he'd like McGrady to be part of that future.

McGrady, whose seven-year, \$93 million contract runs through the 2006-07 season, can opt out of the deal after next season.

Magic officials want to know if McGrady wants to be part of rebuilding a team that finished with a league-worst 21-61 record last season. If he doesn't, they'll look to trade him.

DeVos and the Magic have at least a couple things going for them as they start to rebuild. Orlando owns the No. 1 pick in next week's draft and off-injured Grant Hill is healthy and hoping to take another crack at a comeback.

If that's not enough to persuade



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McGrady to stay, the Magic will look to restock their roster by moving him.

Milicic might miss Olympics

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Darko Milicic broke his right hand in a token appearance in the Detroit Pistons' NBA title clincher, an injury that could jeopardize his chances of playing for Serbia in the Olympics.

The second overall pick in the NBA Draft was hurt at the end of the fifth and final game of the NBA Finals.

The 7-footer, who will turn 19 on Sunday, had surgery on the hand Wednesday. Detroit president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said.

The team said he is expected to miss eight weeks.

Hornets pick Bristow as GM

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Hornets selected Alan Bristow to replace Bob Bass as general manager on Thursday.

Bristow, a former Hornets coach, was an assistant to Bass last season. Bass announced two months ago that he would retire after the NBA Draft June 24.

Bristow will handle the team's day-to-day basketball operations and oversee player personnel decisions.

Nets exercise Frank option

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Lawrence Frank will be back to coach the New Jersey Nets next season, and possibly longer if an agreement on a long-term contract can be reached.

Earlier this week, the Nets guaranteed that the 33-year-old Frank would be back without an interim tag when they picked up his contract option for next season.

"We plan on negotiating with him to see if we can do a long-term contract," Nets President Rod Thorn said Friday.

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A's make life tough on Sosa coming off DL

BY NANCY ARMOUR
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark Armstrong and drove in another run, and the Oakland Athletics spoiled Sammy Sosa's return to the team on the disabled list with a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Friday afternoon.

Sosa, who went 0-for-4 in his first game since May 16, had a chance to tie the score with two outs in the ninth. With fans standing and chanting "SAM-MEE! SAM-MEE," Sosa grounded out to short to end the game.

Chicago finished 2-for-4, improving to .466 with four homers and 19 RBIs in his past 19 games. Mark Redman (5-3) scattered four hits and an unearned run over eight innings, walking one and striking out six. Chad Bradford pitched the ninth for his first save in two chances.

It was the 12th victory in the last 16 games for the A's, who began the day with a 1½-game lead in the AL West.

Matt Clement (7-5) was solid, giving up seven hits and two runs in eight innings while striking out eight and walking none. But not even Sosa's return could spark Chicago's offense, with the Cubs managing only an RBI single by Ramon Martinez.

The loss snapped Chicago's season-high six-game winning streak.

Sosa had been out with a sprained ligament in his



Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Mark Redman allowed one run over eight innings to earn the win and snap the Chicago Cubs' six-game winning streak.

back brought on by two violent sneezes. He did a three-game rehab stint at Double-A West Tenn earlier this week — only the second of his career — in hopes of avoiding a repeat of last year, when he went 0-for-11 with eight strikeouts when he came off the disabled list.

The sellout crowd of 40,073 gave a huge cheer when he took the field before the game, and gave him a standing ovation when he came to the plate in the first inning. Sosa also struck out twice.

The rest of the Cubs didn't fare much better. Redman held the Cubs to one hit over the first four innings, retiring 12 straight at one point. Chicago finally got to him in the fifth inning, getting some help from Oakland defensive blunder.

With Derek Lee on first and one out, Corey Patterson hit a grounder to first. Erubiel Durazo threw to second to try to retire Lee, but his throw to shortstop Bobby Crosby was high and wide, pulling Crosby off the bag and leaving him no chance to make a play.

Martinez followed with an RBI single through the hole between short and third to cut Oakland's lead to 2-1. But the Cubs could do little else, managing only one more hit the rest of the game.

Cardinals stay hot, rally in ninth

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The Cardinals already had the National League's best record. They showed they could pull off a comeback victory, too.

Punch-hitter Reggie Sanders capped a three-run rally with a game-winning single in the ninth inning, leading St. Louis to a surprising 5-4 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Thursday night.

It was the first time St. Louis came back from a ninth-inning deficit after being 0-for-24 in that situation.

"The early part of the year, we weren't able to win those late games," Sanders said. "Everytime it's clicking right now."

The Cardinals have won 13 of 17 and swept the A's, who came to St. Louis on an eight-game winning streak.

"Coming back like that against a good team like that is a good sign," Sanders said.

With Oakland leading 4-2, Edgar Renteria and Cody McKay opened the ninth with singles, and Roy Landauro hit a home run by pitch to load the bases with no outs.

A's second baseman Marco Scutaro then booted Marlon Anderson's grounder to allow two runs to score.

Sanders followed with a single off Jim Mecir (0-5) to complete the comeback for the Cardinals, who are 39-27 and hold a two-game lead in the NL Central.

Baseball roundup

first time we've reversed it," manager Tony La Russa said. "We should do it as much as anybody because we've got a lot of pressure, clutch guys."

Ray King (1-0) got the last out in the ninth for the win.

Oakland's short-handed bullpen wasted a good effort by Tim Hudson, who allowed two runs on eight hits.

On other interleague games Thursday:

Pirates 5, Angels 2: Tim Lincecum and Jack Wilson homered in the Pirates' go-ahead seventh, and Kris Benson (5-6) earned his first home win since May 10, 2003.

Jose Mesa worked the ninth for his 16th save in 16 chances.

Twins 6, Expos 4: Matthew LeCroy hit his third pinch-hit homer in three at-bats this season, and Minnesota rallied for a three-game sweep at Montreal.

Tori Hunter's RBI double in the eighth put the Twins ahead to stay, sending the Expos to their sixth consecutive loss.

Marlins 2, White Sox 1 (11): Pinch-hitter Matt Treanor singled home the winning run with two outs in the 11th, and Florida beat visiting Chicago after losing Josh Beckett to another injury.

The World Series MVP left his start in the fourth with a muscle strain on the side of his back. He's day to day.

Mets 6, Indians 2: Mike Cameron hit his first homer since May 19 when he tied five Mets pitchers combined on a five-hit at Shea Stadium.

Diamondbacks 6, Yankees 1: Knuckleballer Steve Sparks (3-4) allowed one run in seven innings and Juan Beltré hit his first major league homer for Arizona in Phoenix.

New York had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Dodgers 4, Orioles 3: Adrian Beltré snapped a tie with a homer in the eighth to lift the Dodgers to a three-game sweep at Chavez Ravine.

Beltré's 16th homer came two innings after pinch-hitter Jason Grubbs hit a tying two-run shot off Rodrigo Lopez (5-3).

Phillies 6, Tigers 2; Tigers 5, Phillies 4 (11): Jason Michaels homered and drove in four runs for the Phillies in the opener of a day-night doubleheader at Philadelphia.

In the nightcap, Carlos Guillen's two-out RBI single off Ryan Madison (4-2) in the 11th helped Detroit earn a split. The game was delayed 51 minutes by rain before the sixth inning, the fourth straight day weather affected a Phillies game.

Cubs 5, Astros 4: Glendon Plutchik (4-1) pitched eight strong innings, Moises Alou drove in three runs and Chicago won its sixth straight in the National League game of the day.

Chicago completed its first four-game sweep of the Astros since June 23-25, 1967, and first in Houston.

Mets trade for Hidalgo in bid to spark offense

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hoping to help their sagging offense, the New York Mets acquired right fielder Richard Hidalgo from the Houston Astros on Thursday for right-handers David Weathers and Jeremy Griffiths.

Hidalgo has put up big numbers in the past, but he was in the midst of a disappointing season with the Astros. He recently lost his starting job to Jason Lee, and soon after went to General Manager Gerry Hunsicker and asked to be traded.

"We're pleased to have him," Mets manager Art Howe said. "I know what he can do. He's a run-producer, an outstanding right fielder. He hasn't played on a regular basis. He'll get that opportunity here. It's a fresh start for him. I know he's a good middle-of-the-order hitter."

Weathers added an experienced middle reliever to Houston's bullpen, which is in desperate need of help there. The Mets also get \$4 million from the Astros to offset the difference in salaries.

The 28-year-old Hidalgo is batting .256 with four homers and 19 RBIs, a huge drop-off from last year's .309 average with 28 home runs and 88 RBIs. He was voted the Astros' MVP in 2003.

Hidalgo had been in Houston's organization since he was signed out of Venezuela at age 16 in 1991.

"I love it here. This is like my second home," he said. "I've been my first time being traded. It's a business. I don't have any control about it."

This could be the first of several moves for the slumping Astros, who entered Thursday night fifth in the NL Central. Houston had lost 20 of 32, dropping to 33-31.

"We're not going to watch what we've been watching all year," Hunsicker said. "We're going to try to create a spark."

New York will probably put Hidalgo in the middle of the lineup, hoping he can provide some needed protection for Mike Piazza and Cliff Floyd.

Hidalgo is still owed \$6.62 mil-

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lion of his \$12 million salary this season, and the Mets inherit a \$15 million option for 2005. But they're almost sure to decline that and pay a \$2 million buyout.

A's closer leave of absence

ST. LOUIS — Oakland Athletics closer Arthur Rhodes took a two-day leave from the team Thursday because of personal reasons.

Rhodes was ejected from Wednesday's 6-2 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals after giving up a three-run homer to Reggie Sanders in the eighth inning.

Rhodes thought the previous pitch — a 2-2 delivery — should've been called strike.

Rhodes is 3-3 with nine saves in 14 chances.

Donnelly activated by Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. — All-Star reliever Brendan Donnelly was activated from the disabled list Thursday by the Anaheim Angels.

Donnelly had missed the entire season after breaking his nose in 20 places in a spring training accident. He was injured March 9 while shuffling flies during batting practice, and doctors said he lost half the blood in his body.

Schilling MRI looks good

BOSTON — An MRI on Curt Schilling's sore right ankle showed no damage that would require him to miss his next start, the team's doctor said Friday.

Schilling is expected to start Tuesday night against the Minnesota Twins as scheduled.

Schilling has had injections of an anesthetic in his ankle before each of his last few starts.

Torres, McClendon suspended

NEW YORK — Pirates pitcher Salomon Torres was suspended for four games Friday for throwing at Oakland's Damian Miller on June 12, and manager Lloyd McClendon was suspended for one game.

McClendon was suspended because Torres' actions came after a warning had been issued. As a manager, McClendon is not allowed to appeal. He will serve his suspension during Saturday night's game against Seattle.

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Milestone night for McGriff, Devil Rays

By **BERNIE WILSON**
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — After testing the depths of Petco Park in his first two at-bats, Fred McGriff uncorked his smooth swing and sent his 493rd career home run sailing into — naturally — the home run porch down the right-field line.

McGriff pumped his fist as he rounded first base, having taken another step toward his goal of 500 homers and helping the Tampa Bay Devil Rays extend their franchise-record winning streak to eight games with a 4-1 win over the San Diego Padres on Thursday night.

"It felt good because it's been a lot of years," said McGriff, who tied Lou Gehrig for 21st on the career list. "Home runs are tough. This is a big yard. It's 411 in right-center, 402 in left-center. I found the spot."

McGriff hit his two-run homer just over the 322 sign, on a 1-0 changeup from Adam Eaton in the sixth inning. He fled out to left in his first at-bat and to center in his second.

"Freddie placed it right where it carries pretty good," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "I didn't think it was going out, but he hit it in the right spot and that really was the difference in the game."

McGriff has homered in 43 ballparks in 18 big league seasons.

McGriff was brought up from the minors May 29, resuming his quest to become the 20th player to hit 500 homers. He hit 84 homers while with the Padres from 1991 until being traded to Atlanta on July 18, 1993.

"Right now, the goal is just to get to 500," McGriff said. "Not having played the first couple of months, it's a fight right now."

The Devil Rays are enjoying watching McGriff approach the milestone.

"It's a blessing to be here with him," winning pitcher Chad Gaudin said. "Every at-bat, it's like, 'Come on, Freddy.' We want him to get to his goal."

"He's had a heck of a career," manager Lou Piniella said.



Tampa Bay starter Chad Gaudin allowed one run in five innings to earn the win Thursday against the Padres in San Diego.

The Devil Rays also swept consecutive series for the first time in their seven-year history. Before starting this trip, they beat Colorado three straight in Tampa.

The perennially woeful Devil Rays came into the series in fifth place in the AL East and jumped all the way to third.

Gaudin (1-1), who pinch-ran for McGriff in the first two games of the series, won in his fifth career start. He allowed one run and seven hits in five innings, struck out four and walked one.

Darvys Baez pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances.

The Devil Rays had just five hits but the Padres, their offense still sputtering, wasted a superb effort by Eaton (3-7).

The right-hander allowed one earned run and two hits in six innings in San Diego's season-high fifth straight loss. The Padres have dropped from first in the NL West to third during the slump.

McGriff's homer gave Tampa Bay a 2-1 lead. Rocco Baldelli was aboard on a fielding error by rookie shortstop Khalil Greene, the Padres' third misadventure.

"That was just a horrible ballgame for us tonight," Bochy said. "Play like that and you're going to get beat."

White Sox deal Koch to Marlins

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Florida Marlins acquired reliever Billy Koch from the Chicago White Sox for minor league infielder Wilson Valdez late Thursday night.

The deal was announced shortly after the Marlins beat the White Sox 2-1 in 11 innings.

The Marlins acquired Koch and cash from the White Sox, who had recently replaced the right-hander with Shingo Takatsu — Japan's career saves leader — as the team's closer.

"I was sort of expecting it a little bit, but I didn't think [Florida]," Koch said. "Through the grapevine, I hear things. I never heard the Marlins, but it'll be good. I like the heat, I like the sun."

Koch, 29, never quite fit in with the White Sox after joining them last season. He appeared in 24 games this season with eight saves in 11 opportunities and a 1-1 record — but had a 5.30 ERA.

Koch allowed 24 hits and 15 runs in 23 innings.

"That will be the best scenario for him," White Sox manager Ozie Guillen said. "It's a shame it didn't work out for him here because he was a class act."

The Marlins were in need of bullpen help in the middle innings to complement a solid starting rotation and closer Armando Benitez.

Koch is 28-23 with 163 career saves in six major league seasons with Toronto, Oakland and Chicago.

Lefty: Singh, Els poised to make move at No. 1

LEFTY, FROM BACK PAGE

"There's an awful long way to go," Woods vowed.

Mickelson was locked in, missing only three greens and three fairways, a remarkable achievement considering the difficulty of the set-up.

"There's a lot of hard shots out there," playing partner Kirk Triplett said, "and he hit a lot of good shots."

It helped that the feared ocean breezes didn't materialize for the second day in a row, making it easier to find the fairway and keep it on the green. Bright sunshine and thick, muggy air prevailed.

Mickelson was 0-for-42 as a pro in his golf's biggest events before he finally broke through at the Masters two months ago — shooting 31 on the back nine Sunday and sinking an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole to beat Ernie Els by a stroke.

If Mickelson keeps playing like this at Shinnecock Hills, he'll be halfway to a Grand Slam. He's certainly changed his "Phil the Thrill" mentality, playing it safe by rarely using driver.

Mickelson also pointed to his routine before the tournament.

"You're going to perform like you prepare," he said. "When I got here, I was not surprised by any situation on the golf course. That makes for some good shots."

Fifty-seven players returned early Friday to complete their rounds, having been forced off the course Thursday evening by soupy fog that made it difficult to see the greens. Mickelson finished up a 68.

Fred Funk closed the second round with two straight birdies for 66, leaving him at 136. Cabrera fell back during an up-and-down round — everything from eagle to double-bogey



Vijay Singh reacts after sinking a birdie putt on the 15th hole during Friday's second round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. Singh was two shots off the lead when play began.

— but still added 71 to his opening 66 for a 3-year-old 137.

The 50-year-old Haas, who also started with 66, fell back in the afternoon. He played the first 10 holes at 1 over.

Corey Pavin completed a 67 — equaling his best round ever in the Open — and tacked on a 71. The diminutive Pavin won this event last time it was played at Shinnecock, but that was nine long years ago. He hasn't won anywhere since '96.

"I didn't think I would win," he said. "I just wanted to come in and play the best I can with absolutely no expectations." Pavin showed some of the old fire at No. 5 when he rolled in a putt from the fringe.

"Come on! Come on! Go!" he yelled as the ball hung briefly on the lip. When it finally dropped in, he shook his head defiantly.

Making a charge: two-time Open champion Els. Four straight birdies on the front side pushed the Big Easy to 4 under.

It was a good day all around for the South Africans.

Retief Goosen, the 2001 Open champion, followed an even-par first round with a 66. Trevor Immelman reeled off three birdies in a row on the back side, getting to 4 under.

"Obviously, I know I can do it," Goosen said. "You've just got to hang in there."

Vijay Singh, who also has a chance to claim No. 1 in the world rankings, was right in the mix. The Fijian went 68-70 and was four strokes behind Mickelson.

At 4 under was Jeff Maggert, a perennial contender in the Open but never a major winner.

Maybe he should ask Mickelson for advice.

Lefty started the day at the fearsome par-3 No. 7. Things didn't look good when he carried the green with his tee shot, winding up in the thick rough. From there, just about any score was possible, but he managed to keep it to bogey — his first of the tournament — by sinking a 4-foot putt.

"By far the hardest hole on the course," Mickelson said. "It wasn't fun spending the night thinking about that hole."

He sure had some fun after that.

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Retief Goosen	70-66-136
Angel Cabrera	66-71-137
Ernie Els	70-67-137
Vijay Singh	70-68-138
Corey Pavin	67-71-138
Trevor Immelman	69-70-139
Mike Weir	65-70-139
Jay Haas	66-74-140
Stephen Ames	74-66-140
Pat Perez	73-67-140
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Scott Hend	75-78-153
Carl Paulson	72-81-153
Steve Solik	75-79-154
Johnnie Wagner	77-77-154
Karl Flanagan	80-74-154
Justin Rose	77-78-155
Osney Brierley	78-78-157
Joey Maxon	78-82-160
David Duval	82-81-164

Twenty-one golfers had not finished second round at deadline.

Furyk happy despite early struggles

The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, New York — Jim Furyk didn't know if he would get the chance to defend his U.S. Open title.

In January, an MRI revealed torn cartilage in his left wrist and he decided to have surgery to repair it. His first competitive round of golf since was on Thursday at Shinnecock Hills in the U.S. Open.

He shot a 2-over 72, not good enough to be among the leaders, but good enough to make him sound optimistic about the rest of the week.

"I just didn't get the ball in the

hole and I made some poor decisions out there. That'll happen. It'll come," he said. "I'll be back tomorrow to grind it out and try to put some of those putts in."

As defending champion, Furyk played in the tradition of past U.S. Open champions Ben Curtis, who had 68, and U.S. Amateur champion Nick Flanagan, who had an 80.

There wasn't a whole lot of pressure on Furyk as defending champion since only one player in that position since 1991 has managed to finish better than 40th. Tiger Woods was 12th in 2001 as defending champion and four others didn't even make the cut.



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Kids follow dads to Indy

BY STEVE HERMAN
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Bobby Rahal won the Indianapolis 500 as a driver and an owner. Rick Sutherland won the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

This week, they're a pair of nervous dads watching their sons compete on auto racing's biggest stage.

Not only are Graham Rahal and Tom Sutherland rookies in the new Formula BMW series, but at age 15, they're also the youngest ever to drive at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"It's every young race driver's dream," the younger Rahal said Friday after his first laps of practice for the two BMW support races of the U.S. Grand Prix. "The track's awesome. It's just a great experience."

His father won the Indy 500 in 1986 as a driver and three weeks ago as co-owner of Rahal Letterman Racing, with Buddy Rice behind the wheel. Rick Sutherland has been racing sports cars for 25 years and last week teamed with fellow Americans Clint Field and William Binnie to win the LMP2 class at Le Mans.

Both dads are confident their sons can handle the BMW cars, which are much smaller than 140-horsepower engines capable of speeds up to 140 mph.

"I took a pretty hard look at this formula, and I'm really impressed with BMW and their commitment to safety, how the car is built," the elder Sutherland said of the developmental program for young drivers.

"It's not that you can't get hurt, but with everything that's in place with this series and these cars, it's a pretty safe place to race. You know, you can get run over by a milk truck any day of the week. We just don't look at it that way. We go out and race cars because that's what we love to do."

Other drivers in the series include Federico Montoya of Colombia, the 18-year-old brother of Formula One driver and former Indy 500 winner Juan Pablo Montoya; Andreas Wirth, a 19-year-old German who leads the BMW points after four of the season's 14 races; and 21-year-old Alexis Fontenot of New York, the third woman to drive at

Indianapolis in a race other than the 500.

Friday's practice was the first for all of them on the 2.6-mile, 13-turn road course at Indy.

"We had some trouble getting some traction, but it's by far the smoothest track I've ever been on," said the younger Sutherland, a high school sophomore from Campbell, Calif. "It's very beautiful. I didn't get that many laps, but what I saw, it's really fun."

Sutherland, born April 3, 1989, is three months younger than Graham Rahal and the youngest driver ever to race at Indianapolis.

"It's such a tradition to come here. It really makes you feel special," Sutherland said. "It's like a once-in-a-lifetime deal to come here at this age. It's awesome."

The younger Rahal, a high school sophomore from New Albany, Ohio, began racing go-karts at age 6, then gave it up until about four years ago. When he decided he was serious about racing, his dad got behind the effort.

"Frankly, he's safer in these than he is in the go-karts," Bobby Rahal said. "For a young man, he's doing a great job and gaining experience. ... So this is the next step. We're in a steep learning curve."



Graham Rahal, the 15-year-old son of 1986 Indy 500 winner and car owner Bobby Rahal, shown in background, is competing in Formula BMW competition this weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Graham Rahal said he wasn't nervous about driving at Indianapolis, where his father has had so much success.

"It's one of those things you have to put behind you. If you let it get to you, you start to mess up, and you can't let that happen," he said. "I know it's the speedway,

but still, you've got to treat it like it's just another race track, just another race weekend."

The BMW races will be on Saturday, after Formula One qualifying, and on Sunday, after the Formula One race. Two other support races in the Porsche Michelin Supercup series also will be run Saturday and Sunday.

Mayfield makes move to reach top 10 in standings

BY MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

Jeremy Mayfield is making his move.

The Evernham Motorsports driver, overshadowed most of the season by rookie teammate Casey Kahne, headed into Sunday's Nextel Cup race at Michigan on the brink of the top 10 in the driver standings.

His second-place finish at Pocono last weekend gave him three straight top-10 finishes, putting him in 11th place in the standings and very much in the hunt for a spot in NASCAR's new "Chase for the Championship."

Any driver in the top 10 or within 400 points of the lead after the first 26 races will be eligible to battle for the Cup title over the final 10 races. After the first 14 events of the season, Mayfield is 441 points behind series leader Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Racing notes

And Mayfield has passed Kahne, who already this season has had three runner-up finishes and is 13th in the standings.

"This team is really pumped up, and they deserve to be," Mayfield said. "All along our communication has been improving. When I talk to them about how the car's handling and ask them for stuff on race day, they're able to give it to me."

"And it works both ways, too. We're able to make decisions that we need together and that just continues to help us build confidence."

That came through at Pocono, where Mayfield encouraged his team to let him try to stay on track and gamble on finishing while other drivers were pitting

for gas. It nearly worked to perfection, with Mayfield taking the lead as other drivers pitted. But Jimmie Johnson, trying the same fuel strategy, was able to pass Mayfield near the end.

In his third season with Evernham, Mayfield has apparently taken a big step up.

His average finish of 15.93 is more than 10 spots ahead of what it was this time last year, and he has earned 483 more points and ranks 21 positions higher in the standings than he did heading into last year's spring race at Michigan.

"It's just going to take time to tell, but I really feel confident that this is going to be the best part of my career here," Mayfield said.

Fuel economy key at Michigan

More often than not, Cup races on Michigan's 2-mile oval remain under the green flag for long peri-

ods and come down to a fuel economy run with drivers trying to stretch 22 gallons of gas.

"You really have to sharpen the pencil," said Todd Berrier, crew chief for Kevin Harvick. "You know as it plays out that there are 12 to 15 guys that are going to go for it at the end — or know that they're going to make it — and you're sitting there floundering around thinking you're a lap short, or not."

"Sometimes, you'll talk yourself into doing things that you typically wouldn't do when it comes down to gas mileage. But, still, enough is enough and if you've got it, you've got it and if you don't, you run out. That's just kind of how it works."

Homey feeling for Newman

One of Ryan Newman's eight victories last season came in the August race at Michigan, but that's not the only reason he likes the place.

"This track is kind of like a home track to me — not only because it's so close to where I grew up in South Bend, Ind., but also because it seems like I got my start in racing here," Newman said. "I cut my teeth, so to speak, at Michigan in an ARCA car, then won my first Busch race there too. Winning last year's Cup race there just topped it off for us."

Newman hopes racing at his favorite track this weekend will kickstart a season in which he has yet to win. In five previous Cup races at Michigan, Newman has produced three top-five finishes.

Stat of the week

There have been nine winners in the past nine Cup races at Michigan, the longest current streak since NASCAR began racing at the track in 1969.

Martinsville Raceway holds the record with 11 race winners between spring 1997 and fall 2002.



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Patience is the watchword at Michigan

Drivers hoping move north signals ends to NASCAR's 'weird' doings

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Tony Stewart, of all people, called for patience in the wake of chaotic races at Dover and Pocono.

Most of the problems grew out of the changing rules governing freezing the field when the caution flag flies and when the pit lane will be open to the competitors.

"In NASCAR's defense, the first time we were told as drivers about freezing the field, they said it would be a work in progress," said Stewart, perhaps NASCAR's most impatient driver.

"As frustrating as it's been for everybody, I think we have to be realistic about making rule changes."

"This wasn't just whacking a quarter-inch off a spoiler or changing the size of a restrictor plate. It was pretty drastic change. And any time you change a rule like that you're going to run into a situation that somebody didn't think of, because there's only so many different scenarios you can think of."

Former series champion Rusty Wallace said he hopes racing Sunday at Michigan International Speedway will have a calming effect on the situation.

"I really think things will calm down a whole lot this week at Michigan and I'll be totally shocked if they don't," said Wallace, the leader among active drivers with five victories and 15 top-five finishes at MIS. "The last two weeks have produced enough weirdness, controversy and turn-up race cars for a quarter of a season, let alone just the two races."

"I'll tell you, it must be a situation where the moon is aligned with some of the evil stars or something weird like that. Man, with all the crashes, controversial calls and unusual stuff going on, you just wonder what could happen next."

Wallace himself had some misadventures over the past two weeks.

At Dover, he was able to avoid serious damage in the crashes but a stop-and-go penalty late in the race relegated him to 13th when he appeared headed for a top five finish.

At Pocono, he had a brake failure and crashed hard into Michael Waltrip, finishing 32nd.

"I can't believe that happened and I hate it for him and us," Wallace said. "We've had some brake problems in the past at places like Watkins Glen and at Martinsville, but never at Pocono. It just shows you how weird things have gotten."

Wallace figures, though, that Michigan's wide, high-banked track should be the cure for what's ailing the series.

"Michigan has always been a pretty calm place, with all the excitement centered around fuel mileage, pit strategy and track position," Wallace said. "It's just not a place where all the crazy stuff happens."

In the 10 races run at MIS beginning with Dale Jarrett's victory in a caution-free event in 1999, only 269 of 1,956 laps have been run under yellow.

Most races on the big track lend themselves more to fuel economy runs than fender-rubbing skirmishes.



Rusty Wallace's car, bottom, skids across the track after knocking Michael Waltrip's car into the wall on the second turn during last Sunday's NASCAR Pocono 500 at the Pocono Raceway. Wallace said he hopes the series' move to Michigan will end the string of misfortune that has plagued NASCAR the past two weeks.

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Roddick, Federer open new era at Wimbledon

Younger generation hints at potential new rivalries

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

A WIMBLEDON, England
ndy Roddick has what it takes to be a transcendent tennis star. He boasts a record-breaking 159 mph serve worthy of a highlight reel that makes opponents whiff and spectators gasp. He backs that up with a ferocious forehand and the rest of his game is steadily improving under Brad Gilbert's tutelage.

It helps that he plays with a Connors-esque energy that can lead to high-fiving fans after a fantastic point. He even has a potential career-long foil: No. 1 Roger Federer.

And unlike 12 months ago at Wimbledon, where play starts on Monday, Roddick now possesses everything essential to consistently contending in Grand Slam tournaments: a Grand Slam title, earned last September in the U.S. Open.

"I was playing really well at Wimbledon last year, but maybe I didn't have the belief that I have now. Now having won one, that is definitely an advantage for me," Roddick said. "I'd always talked about, before I'd won a Grand Slam, that the only fear is the fear of the unknown."

"People would ask 'Can you win a Slam?' and I would say 'I'll

let you know' — and that's a big difference."

It's also a big reason why, despite all the apparent depth in tennis (as a lack of top talent), no one would be surprised if Roddick and defending champion Federer square off July 4 for the championship at the All England Club.

A changing of the guard could be in the offing. With Andre Agassi out, citing a hip injury, it's the first time in 16 years neither he nor Pete Sampras, now retired, is entered.

"I'm disappointed that Andre isn't able to post at Wimbledon this year. I know how much it means to fans to have him on court, and I hope he's able to play soon," Roddick said. "There will be a lot of action for fans to keep up with since the rest of us will be giving it all we've got to try and win the tournament."

That, of course, includes Federer, on a 17-match grass-court winning streak and one of just three past champions in the men's field. The others are Lleyton Hewitt (2002) and Goran Ivanisevic (2001), who hasn't played here since collecting his lone major title and is retiring after the tournament.

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professional match and there's no better tournament than Wimbledon to end it."

The man known as Never Borin' Goran isn't the only past champion relishing one last hurrah. Nine-time winner Martina Navratilova, 47, and walking away from the game at season's end, competes in singles here for the first time since 1994.

With TV ratings in decline and some observers worrying about tennis' direction, novelty acts like Navratilova or Ivanisevic can draw a bit of extra attention. But it's the real rivalries that drive popularity. Think Sampras-Agassi or Jimmy Connors-John McEnroe-Bjorn Borg.

How about Roddick-Federer? It's not a done deal that they'll meet in the Wimbledon final, naturally. A group of players could intervene, including Tim Henman, who will reprise his role as the Great British Hope for the locals' first male champion since 1936.

Others include 2002 finalist David Nalbandian, Mardy Fish (the only player to win a set against Federer last year), Sweden's Robin Soderling and Joachim Johansson, and (if healthy) Marat Safin, last seen yelling at his hand blisters in the French Open.

Of that group, only Safin owns a Slam title, and for many talented players, it's the first that's the toughest. Federer followed his breakthrough at Wimbledon by winning the Australian Open, part of his tour-high five titles in 2004.

"I feel like there are not many guys left who really have an edge on me," says Federer, who is 5-1 against Roddick.

If Roddick, 21, is power and brashness, Federer, 22, is versatility and cool. Roddick's only loss in 16 grass matches was to Federer in the 2003 Wimbledon semifinals.

"I see Federer becoming more and more the Borg of the 2000s,

WIMBLEDON 2004

A smashing good time

Despite the absence of marquee players like Andre Agassi and Gaston Gaudio, the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club will host the 127th Wimbledon championship.



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Winning singles players

Men singles

Pete Sampras 7
W.C. Renshaw 7

Women Singles

M. Navratilova 9
H.N. Wills 8
F.S. Moody 8

Past singles winners

Men

Roger Federer 2003
Lleyton Hewitt 2002
Goran Ivanisevic 2001
Pete Sampras 2000

June 21 - July 4



Women

Serena Williams
Serena Williams
Venus Williams
Venus Williams

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with his game and style," said Dick Enberg, who first called Wimbledon on TV 25 years ago. "I don't see him going away for a while."

When it comes to a high Q-rating, Roddick seemingly has all the ingredients. He has a sense of humor and a willingness to promote the sport. He went from dating an actress to dating a model. And he has a cool nickname, albeit one shared with another athlete: A-Rod.

"Roddick gets it," Enberg said. "What I like about him, at his age, is he understands the responsibility of making that connection with the audience."

The Williams sisters remain the sport's most marketable stars, its biggest attractions on and off court. But beset by injuries, they haven't been at their best in a year — since Serena beat Venus in the Wimbledon final.

Both lost in the French Open quarterfinals, the first time they were bounced in the same round of any tournament.

With top-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne and No. 2 Kim Clijsters sidelined, the sisters' history on grass makes them the most likely title contenders and they could meet in the final. Serena jumped from a No. 10 world ranking to a No. 1 seed, and

Venus went from No. 8 to a No. 3 seed.

Serena won the last two Wimbledon and Venus played in the past four finals, winning in 2000-01. Since combining to claim nine of 13 Slam titles, though, they've gone three majors without so much as a final appearance.

"Wimbledon is the perfect place for them to get that confidence back," said ESPN's Mary Joe Fernandez, a former pro.

"They were dominating for a while, and they raised the level of women's tennis. They forced everyone to get stronger and get fitter. That's what the Belgians did, and now the Russians are."

Anastasia Myskina became the first Russian woman to win a major by beating countrywoman Elena Dementieva in the French Open final.

Now the question becomes: Who's next? Six of the top 13 seeded women at Wimbledon are Russians, and No. 8 Svetlana Kuznetsov, No. 10 Nadia Petrova, No. 12 Vera Zvonareva or No. 13 Maria Sharapova could make a run.

Just 17, can Sharapova take the giant leap to major champion?

"Whenever you go into a tournament, I never think I'm going to lose," Sharapova said. "Considering I've been playing well on grass the last three years and as a junior, I think 'Why not?'"



Switzerland's Roger Federer is on a 17-match grass-court winning streak as he prepares to defend his singles title at Wimbledon.

SPORTS

Lefty right in the thick of it

Mickelson's 4-under shows he's ready for second major

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson had to wait a long time for that first major. He's playing like he wants to get No. 2 right away.

The Masters champion surged to the top of the leaderboard at the U.S. Open on Friday, shooting a 4-under-par 66 that left little doubt he's a different player since shaking that hated "best player never to win a major" label.

Mickelson played with patience and intelligence — keeping the ball in the fairway, hitting to the proper side of the greens, not trying any outlandish shots.

Just like that, he's got it all figured out.

With the huge crowds cheering his every move, Lefty stormed past first-round leaders Jay Haas and Angel Cabrera with a 6-under 134.

Shigeki Maruyama, who also opened with a 66 and played in the afternoon, held pace with Mickelson. The Japanese star was 2 under through nine holes, 6 under for the tournament.

"I can't wait for the majors now, because I feel like I'm onto something to play well in the big tournaments," said Mickelson, who has one bogey in 36 holes at the toughest test in golf.

"The style of golf needed in major championships is significantly different than a regular tour event, which seems to be more attack, attack, attack. The majors seem to be something different."

And here's a potential ornery: Mickelson made his first serious

Leader board

Leaders after the second round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, N.Y.



Shigeki Maruyama	66-68-134	-6
Phil Mickelson	68-66-134	-6
Jeff Maggert	68-67-135	-5
Fred Funk	70-66-136	-4
Retief Goosen	70-66-136	-4
Angel Cabrera	66-71-137	-3
Ernie Els	70-67-137	-3
Vijay Singh	68-70-138	-2
Corey Pavin	67-71-138	-2
Mike Weir	69-70-139	-1
Trevor Immelman	69-70-139	-1

run at a major in 1995, tying for fourth in the Open when it was last held at Shinnecock Hills. His chances were ruined on the par-5 16th, which he played at 6-over for the week.

This time, he's 1-under there through the first two rounds, blasting out of the sand to 3 feet for his final birdie Friday.

"Honestly, I didn't even think about what happened at 16 in the past," Mickelson said.

Tiger Woods was nowhere to be found, his 0-for-7 slump in the majors seemingly headed for eight in a row. After a pedestrian 72 on Thursday, he knocked his first tee shot into the hay and took bogey. He was still 1 over for the round at the turn, having missed a short birdie putt at 16, his seventh hole.



Phil Mickelson reacts to a birdie putt on the eighth hole during the second round of the U.S. Open on Friday at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. Mickelson shot a 4-under 66 for a 36-hole score of 134.

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